

**LSUHSC-NO Academy for the Advancement of Educational Scholarship  
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Biographical Sketch:

My nursing diploma education was completed in New Zealand where I was born and grew up. My three university degrees were completed in the US. My PhD is in Education Administration and Leadership. I am specialist board certified in Public Health/Community Health Nursing, which I teach at the graduate level. My dissertation, which is now a published book, was a new theory of Caring in Nursing, and this work has been published and presented internationally many times.

I serve on the Board of the National League for Nursing, [which is one of the two nursing education national organizations] and am board liaison to the Nurse Education Research Advisory Council, serve as chair of the bylaws committee, and am on the NLN/ICN international education committee. At the 2010 NLN Summit Convention I will be presenting a poster on the multiple roles of nursing faculty. Recently I was appointed to the board of the International Association of Human Caring. I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau the International Honor Society of Nursing for many years and have served at the local, regional and international levels in a variety of capacities.

My initial appointment to LSUHSC SON was in 1993, and I have taught BSN, Master's and Doctoral students, and have chaired several dissertations or served on committees. I currently teach the last course: Education Scholarship, in the Nursing Education program of study. I have served on many of the school committees, at present I am on the promotion and tenure committee and administration council. I was on the LSUHSC Faculty Senate for a number of years. For approximately 18 months post Hurricane Katrina I served as Acting Associate Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Education. Like all nursing faculty I have the responsibility for advising students and as senior faculty am mentor to many more junior. Since the advanced PH/CH Nursing track is my responsibility, I have updated and revised this program, and I have been responsible for developing a number of different course syllabi.

Increasingly I am being invited to be external reviewer for promotion and tenure in other non- LSU schools, and most recently was asked to be the external scholar reviewer of an Australian dissertation.

My publications both in peer reviewed journals and book chapters continue, both nationally and internationally. Much of my research continues to be in caring, however, I have some publications in nursing education literature. With a colleague I am in the final testing of an instrument which I developed from my caring theory.

In 2010 a small public health nurse research grant, on which I am PI, was funded.

In 2009 I was honored with the Nightingale Award and admitted to the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

My interests include volunteering for the Radio Station for the Blind and Print Handicapped, traveling, reading, and spending as much time as possible for our 3 granddaughters

Educational Domains Represented in Academy Portfolio

- Teaching
- Curriculum Development, Instructional Design and Assessment of Student Learning
- Advising and Mentoring
- Leadership and Service
- Educational Research

Teaching/Education Expertise