



MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Producing the Preferred Graduate

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dr. Nancy Ridenour's interests encompass a variety of levels of health care. From her roots as a family nurse practitioner, she explored primary health care, communicable disease and complementary therapies. Her work in this area took her abroad to investigate international health issues.

In moving beyond her individual interests, Ridenour now focuses on philanthropy, international health, and public policy.

She is a proven leader in the world of academia and is a model of success for faculty with research endeavors. She is instrumental in working with faculty members to gain funding for projects and is leading an initiative to secure endowment funding for nursing.



RIDENOUR SHARES HER EXPERTISE WITH DOCTORAL STUDENTS

The second doctoral level nursing course, offered at Illinois State University spring 2007, is Health Policy. Dr. Ridenour will sharing her expertise in the field of health policy with the doctoral students through several lectures.

Ridenour is collaborating with Dr. Brenda Jeffers and Dr. Ann Cary to teach the course. Each will bring a unique perspective in order to broaden the students' learning experience.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- National Leader in Nursing
- Extensive National and International Experience:

China	Inner Mongolia
Cuba	Jordan
Egypt	Peru
India	Thailand

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Ridenour's vast catalog of honors include:

- Texas Tech University's Teaching Excellence and Distinguished Faculty Awards
- Membership in the National Honor Society
- Induction to the Phi Kappa Phi and Fellow American Academy of Nursing
- Recipient of the President's Academic Achievement Award
- Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow
- In 2006, Dr. Ridenour started a two-year term as Chair of The Foundation Board of Sigma Theta Tau International

EDUCATION

Dr. Nancy Ridenour received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado in 1974.

Following the completion of her Bachelor's degree, Ridenour continued her work at the University of Colorado, resulting in an Adult Nurse Practitioner certificate in 1976.

Continuing in the same academic track, she graduated from the University of Colorado in 1976 earning a Master of Science Degree in Nursing and also became a certified Family Nurse Clinician.

She then proceeded to Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, where her dissertation "A Dialogical Paradigm for Holistic Discourse in Nursing" was completed in 1987, earning her a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Nancy Ridenour's expansive background is possibly one of her greatest strengths. She has had the opportunity to gain knowledge, wisdom and experience through work in several areas within the field of nursing.

Starting out as a case worker at the National Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect while still an undergraduate student at the University of Colorado, she has held two dozen positions in academic institutions, healthcare institutions, juvenile detention centers, student health centers, and non-profit organizations up until present time.

Ridenour climbed the ladder at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center initially working as an Assistant Professor later to accept the position of Professor and Associate Dean in 1995.

In giving back to the academic community Ridenour has published articles in prominent journals and also authored and co-authored several books on subjects including career trajectories in academic administration, the building of academic partnerships, and also more traditional nursing subjects such as diagnosis, mental retardation and AIDS/HIV.

Ridenour has served as dean and professor at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University since 1999.



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