



## DENISE WILSON, PH.D., APN, CNP FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### SCHOLARLY WORK

Dr. Denise Wilson's most recent activities include writing a textbook, contribution of a chapter to another textbook, and publication of a clinical journal article. References for these are:

- Wilson, D.D. (2008). McGraw-Hill's Manual of Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Wilson D.D. (2008). Test Plan Category: Physiological Integrity, Subcategory: Reduction of Risk Potential – Part 1. In McGraw-Hill Review for the NCLEX-RN Exam (pp. 465-516). New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Wilson, D.D. (September 2007). Herpes zoster: Prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The Nurse Practitioner, 32(9), 19-24.

Wilson has written grants funded for a total of \$1,338,674. She was the primary writer for the federally funded grant for development of MCN's collaborative doctoral program. She has served as a member of several grant review panels for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has presented nationally and served as a reviewer for various publications.

### AWARDS

Dr. Denise Wilson's teaching skills have been recognized through the Graduate Program Teaching Excellence Award from Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2007. She received the 2000 Outstanding College Service Award and the 2001 Outstanding College Teacher Award from Mennonite College of Nursing, and the Outstanding University Service Award from Illinois State University in 2002. Dr. Wilson received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1992

In 2007, she received Honorable Mention for the 2007 Excellence in Civic Engagement Award from Illinois State University. This monetary award was presented in recognition of the efforts of Dr. Wilson and her FNP students in providing free school physicals to disadvantaged students at two local elementary schools. This ongoing community outreach service is conducted twice yearly, and annually benefits over 100 students who, without the physical, would not be allowed to remain in school.



## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Quality of care
- Evidence-based practice
- Clinical decision-making of advanced practice nurses
- Lab and diagnostic testing

## EDUCATION

Dr. Denise Wilson graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois in 1978. Continuing her academic pursuit, Wilson completed her Master of Science in Nursing Sciences (MSN) degree in Adult Health Nursing at the University of Illinois in 1985. She earned her PhD in Educational Administration and Foundations from Illinois State University in 1992. Her doctoral dissertation entitled “The Need for Master’s-Prepared Nurses in Illinois” was used in the development of Mennonite College of Nursing’s graduate program.

Wilson completed the Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1998. She is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) and a licensed Advanced Practice Nurse (APN). She is certified as both a Family Nurse Practitioner and an Adult Nurse Practitioner. Wilson maintains a clinical practice with a 12-physician internal medicine practice in Bloomington, IL, where she also serves as a clinical preceptor for Mennonite College of Nursing FNP students.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Upon completion of her BSN degree, Dr. Denise Wilson began her nursing career as a staff nurse/charge nurse at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois in 1978.

While continuing to practice in the hospital, Wilson joined Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing as an instructor in the diploma nursing program. As the transition to Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) took place, Wilson was an instructor and then assistant professor, teaching in the BSN program. She was also Director of Administrative Affairs for 2 years, and then Dean of Academic Affairs for 5 years. With the development of the MCN graduate program, Wilson began teaching full-time in the FNP sequence.

After MCN joined Illinois State University in 1999, she served as FNP sequence coordinator and graduate program director. Wilson, a tenured Associate Professor, now teaches full-time in the FNP sequence and is FNP Sequence Leader for MCN at Illinois State University.



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