



MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Illinois State University

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Dr. Brenda Recchia Jeffers Appointed Interim Associate Dean

Dr. Brenda Recchia Jeffers was appointed as interim associate dean at Mennonite College of Nursing. She replaces Dr. Ameer Adkins, who served as interim associate dean since the fall of 2008, and was recently appointed as associate dean in the College of Education.



Jeffers began her nursing education at Lincoln Land Community College where she earned an Associate Degree in Nursing. She continued her education by earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Illinois Chicago—Urbana, and a Master of Science in Medical-Surgical Nursing from the University of Illinois Chicago – Peoria. She received a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Nursing from Saint Louis University.

She joined MCN in 1997 as an associate professor of nursing, and in 2004 was appointed as the Director of Graduate Programs and Research. In 2007 she received tenure and was promoted to Professor.

Jeffers is an expert in research ethics and scientific integrity, and specifically ethical aspects of nursing. She has shared her findings related to protection of human participants in research and research integrity, surrogate decision-making, and end of life care in the older adult in a wide range of professional journals and at numerous conferences.

Included among her research activities have been federal, regional and state funded projects focused on the older adult. She actively seeks to collaborate with researchers in other disciplines to expand upon her work. Jeffers has partnered with investigators from the University of Iowa College of Nursing and Illinois State University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to study the healthcare decision-making issues specific to older adults.

She is a recipient of the Graduate Program Teaching Excellence Award from Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, American Association of Colleges of Nursing Leadership for Academic Nursing Fellow, Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Pi Chapter Research Award, and was a Shaw-Engler Scholar at St. Louis University.