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**Profile** Nurse Educator/Administrator/Senior Team Member

**Current Career Objectives:** Focused on the integration of educational leadership studies and previous teaching and practice experience to create and influence the future of healthcare education at the postsecondary level and beyond.

**Practice Experience:** Primary, secondary, and tertiary care settings, administrator, and professor.

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<b>Education</b>	<b>Ph.D.</b> Educational Leadership/Higher Education Administration: Barry University: Miami Shores, Florida	2010
	<b>M.S.N.</b> Nursing Education: Clarkson College: Omaha, Nebraska	2002
	<b>B.S.N.</b> Nursing: University of South Florida: Tampa, Florida	1982
	<b>A.A.</b> Coursework South Florida Junior College	1979

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**Professional Experience**

**South Florida State College** 1997-Present

***Dean Health Sciences***

Senior-level administrator responsible for oversight of all health-related programming at SFSC, development, and program expansion; Director Bachelor of Science, Nursing 2016 to Present

***Adjunct Professor***

Graduate Faculty Nurse Practitioner Program, Evidence-Based Project Courses NS907, NS908, NS909 Clarkson College 2012 to 2016

***Director of Nursing Education***

Administrator nursing programs at South Florida State College, recent development and accreditation of Bachelor of Science program, continuing education programs; other diverse subject areas 2008 to 2016

***Professor of Nursing***

Full-time instructional faculty member at South Florida State College: Nursing Assistant, Practical Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing programs 1997 to 2008

**Columbia Home Health Care**

Jan 1986-Aug 1997

***Clinical Supervisor***

Responsible for the supervision and coordination of nursing and nursing assistant staff Intravenous Therapy Certification; Pulmonary Specialist; Diabetic Educator Certification

**Barranco Briggs and Rooney, MD, PA**

1984-1986

***Office Nursing Supervisor***

Organization and management of staff; assist surgeons in care of ear, nose, and throat disorders; plastic and reconstructive surgery; surgical patient education

**Family Practice Center**

1982-1984

***Office Nurse***

Direct patient care; assisting with diagnostic procedures; chemotherapy; emergency interventions; school health screening; staff development; case management

**Staff Nurse**

Full-time staff nurse and team leader for medical-surgical unit  
 Direct patient care; assignment of patient care to team members; staff development;  
 compliance with Joint Commission Standards; committee work; evaluation of staff; chart audits

<b>Professional Memberships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Nurses Association (ANA)</li> <li>• Council of Workforce Development (CWE)</li> <li>• Florida Pathways Institute (FPI)</li> <li>• Association of Florida Colleges (AFC)</li> <li>• Florida Council of Nursing Education Administrators (FCNEA)</li> <li>• Florida Nurses Association (FNA)</li> <li>• National League for Nursing (NLN)</li> <li>• Phi Delta Kappa (PDK)</li> <li>• West Central Florida Regional Simulation Consortium</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Publications Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Conference on Caring</i>, Facilitator, Presenter, and Organizer, 2016-2012</li> <li>• <i>Soft Skills</i>; Presentations SACSCOC Annual Meeting, 2017-2022</li> <li>• Principle Investigator: <i>Could Nurse Practitioners Independent Licensure Increase Health Care Access in Rural Areas?</i> 2014</li> <li>• <i>From Silos to Bridges: Collaborative Tools to Select a QEP Topic</i>. Presentation. SACS-COC Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2013</li> <li>• <i>Soaring to new heights in student learning: Reach for the cloud</i>. Presentation. SACS-COC Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2012</li> <li>• <i>From silos to bridges: Tools for building a collaborative culture</i>. Presentation. SACS-COC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2011</li> <li>• <i>Simulator use in the classroom and beyond</i>. Presentation. District Board of Trustees, South Florida Community College, 2011</li> <li>• Dissertation: <i>The effect of human patient simulation and the role of learning styles on the self-confidence of nursing students/ Proquest®</i>. 2010</li> <li>• <i>From silos to bridges: Tools for building a collaborative culture of inquiry</i>. Presentation. SACS-COC Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, 2010</li> <li>• <i>The D.U.C.K. Program: A Model for Mentoring</i>. Poster Presentation. Mosby National Faculty Development Institute, Orlando, FL, 2009</li> <li>• <i>Caring for a community: Nursing programs at SFCC</i>. Presentation. Avon Park Rotary Clubs, 2009</li> <li>• <i>The D.U.C.K. program: A model for mentoring and teamwork</i>. Summit on Nursing Education, Orlando, FL, 2008</li> </ul>
<b>Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrator of the Year, <i>SFSC President's Award</i>, 2017</li> <li>• Employee of the Year-Overall, <i>SFSC President's Award</i>, 2012</li> <li>• Florida Nursing Student Association <i>Director of the Year</i>, 2010</li> <li>• Endowed Teaching Chair for Nursing Education, 2008-2010</li> <li>• Faculty of the Year Award, 2002</li> <li>• Performance Incentive Award, 2000</li> </ul>
<b>Credentials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida RN License - 1364552</li> <li>• National League for Nursing Certified Nurse Educator</li> <li>• American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor</li> <li>• Health Information Technology Scholar (HITS): Integrated Technology in Nursing Education and Practice Certification 2011</li> </ul>
<b>Current Professional Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida Pathways Institute Convening Florida College System Student Success Center, 2020-2022</li> <li>• Jobs for the Future Postsecondary State Network Meeting, 2020</li> <li>• Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Annual Conference, 2019</li> <li>• American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference, 2018</li> <li>• Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring Science, 2017</li> </ul>

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- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Site Visitor and Evaluation Review Panel Member, 2014-Present
  - Chancellor's Leadership Institute, 2016
  - Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring Science, 2016
  - SACSCOC Annual Meeting, 2006 to 2019
  - Nursing Program Administrator Workshop, ACEN, 2015
  - Leadership Team, Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE)
  - Program Evaluator Forum, ACEN 2015, ACEN Self-Study Forum, 2014
  - NCSBN Test Development & Item Writing Course, 2012
  - National League for Nursing Summit, 2011
  - Certified Nurse Educator Preparation Workshop, 2011
  - ATI National Faculty Academy, 2011
  - Simulation User's Network Annual Conference, 2010
  - Multiple student success, nursing education, and assessment webinars, continuing education workshops, pathways seminars

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**Committees**

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors, Florida Center for Nursing (2018-2020); President Florida Council of Nursing Education Administrators (2010-2016); President's Council; Learning and Student Success; SACSCOC; Good Shepherd Hospice Board of Directors; Good Shepherd Hospice, Chair Quality Committee and Outreach Committee; Florida Nursing Student Association (FNSA) Consultant; Samaritan's Touch Care Center Board Chair; Red Cross Disaster Relief; Florida Summit on Nursing Education; facilitator and planning committee member; Avon Park Community Child Development Center (APCCDC) board member; Avon Park Meals on Wheels board member; Relay for Life; Alzheimer's Walk; March of Dimes

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