

Biographies
2010– 2011 Board of Directors

Nancy Phoenix Bittner, PhD, RN, CCRN

Currently Dr. Bittner holds positions as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for the School of Nursing and Health Professions at Regis College as well as a Curriculum Consultant, Nurse Research Scientist, Grant Administrator for Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration Grant for Nursing Workforce Diversity and Coordinator and faculty for Community Health Nursing Peru Clinical Experience and Mission in Villa El Salvador, Peru.

Professional Accomplishments include appointments to INESA; Joint Global Task Force, National League for Nursing; President, Massachusetts/ Rhode Island league for Nurses, National League for Nurses Constituent League; NLNAC Program Evaluator and Board of Commissioners Evaluation Review Panel for National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Most recent awards and grants include: Regis College Faculty Development Grant; Third Place at the American Organization for Nurse Executives Annual Meeting, for *Nurses and Nursing Assistants Reports of Missed Care Following Delegation*. Balfour Foundation Grant through Bank of America for project titled “*Critical Care Nurse Intern/Resident Program*”, and Frey Foundation Grant for project titled “*Critical Care Nurse Intern/Resident Program*”. Dr. Bittner has multiple presentations and publications on critical thinking, missed care and other nursing practice issues at local, regional, national and international forums.

Cynthia Bechtel is an Assistant Professor in nursing and the Coordinator of the MSN program at Framingham State College. Her 25 years as a nurse educator includes teaching at MassBay Community College, Anna Maria College, and Worcester State College. Her educational path began with a diploma from Allentown Hospital School of nursing and a BS in nursing from Cedar Crest College, both in Allentown PA. She received her MS in nursing from Regis College and her PhD in nursing from UMass Worcester Graduate School of Nursing. Her dissertation was a qualitative study, "Emergency nurses' experiences with critical incidents." In addition to being a board of directors member, she is co-chair of the program committee for MARILN. She is active in critical incident stress management and a member of the Central Mass CISM team and a peer counselor and EMT-I on the Southborough Fire department. She also is a member of the board of directors of the Metrowest Community Healthcare Foundation.

JANET LUSK, MSN, RN, CNE

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EXPERIENCE:

- 2000- Present
MA. **Lawrence Memorial Hospital/ Regis College Nursing Program** Medford,
- Course coordinator for 102 evening course: Adult medical surgical nursing
Responsible for implementation of the course including theory and clinical teaching and management of faculty in the 102 evening course. Currently teaching clinical at Lahey Clinic on a Surgical Floor.
- 2007- Present
Boston, Ma. **Massachusetts General Hospital**
- Currently working per diem as a staff nurse on a surgical floor.
- 1999 - 2000
Medford, MA. **Lawrence Memorial Hospital/ Regis Collaborative ASN Program**
- Nursing Arts Laboratory Coordinator and part time faculty for 101 students:
Responsible for the management of the Nursing Arts Laboratory including individual skills teaching, ordering, budgeting, and controlling inventory. Also responsible for clinical teaching in 101 at Whidden Memorial Hospital since September 2000.
- 1998-1999 **VNA of Middlesex East** **Stoneham, MA**
Quality Improvement Manager
Responsible for the overall management of the quality improvement program, education of the multidisciplinary staff, and the prioritization and planning of all company-wide QI processes in conjunction with the company Administrator.
- 1991-1998 **American Home Care Services**
Peabody, MA.
Initially hired for a nursing supervisory role. In 1992, became the Educational Coordinator responsible for multidisciplinary education and orientation. In 1995, became the Quality Improvement Manager responsible for company-wide QI planning in conjunction with the company administrator as well as staff education management.
- 1990-1991 **Home Intensive Care of Massachusetts, Inc.** **Andover, MA**
Regional Administrator/Director of Dialysis
- Responsible for the overall management of the Dialysis at Home Program including marketing, budgeting and financial responsibilities.
- 1988-1990 **Assistant Regional Administrator**
- Worked successfully with the Regional Administrator to establish and direct a new home hemodialysis program.

technicians
-Hired, trained and managed a staff of sixty (60) RN's, LPN's and

1983-1988 **Lahey Clinic Medical Center** **Burlington, MA**
Primary and Charge Nurse

- Nursing care of cardiac, respiratory, trauma and renal patients.

1982-1983 Winchester Hospital Winchester MA.
-Staff nurse in a busy, community hospital emergency room

1980-1982 **Mission Hospital** **Mission Viejo, CA**
Critical Care Nurse

- Designated trauma nurse for forty (40) bed Intensive Care Unit.
- Provided continuity of care by following patients from the Emergency Room through surgery and into Intensive Care.

EDUCATION:

Salem State College **Salem, MA**
Legal Nurse Consultant Course Fall 2005
MSN - Educational Tract - May, 1999

Northeastern University **Boston, MA**
B.S. Nursing - 1990

Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing **Medford, MA**
Nursing Diploma – 1980

CERTIFICATIONS:

- American Heart Association BLS Certified Instructor
- Legal Nurse Consultant
- Certified Nurse Educator

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Board Member for the Massachusetts/ Rhode Island League for Nursing
- Professional Advisory Board, Allcare VNA, Lynn, MA.
- Oncology Nurse's Society

Professor [Susan Maciewicz's](#) experience in nurse education spans twenty years of teaching at all levels in the Associate Degree Nurse Education Program at North Shore Community College. She currently serves the as Department Chairperson. Professor Maciewicz developed skills in her role as a faculty member and Assistant Department Chairperson. She has expertise in curriculum development and design, learning styles, teaching methodologies, test construction, student advising and faculty mentorship. Professor Maciewicz has served on the Board of Directors at the Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing (MARILN) for the past eight years. The Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing is a Constituent League of the National League for Nursing. At the present time she is the Director for the Financial Committee and serves as Treasurer. She served as Chairperson of the Associate Degree Diploma Council Committee for MARILN during the academic years 2001 –2006. Professor Maciewicz has presented on the topic of partnerships between practice and education at meetings sponsored by the New England Association of Nurse Executives and the Massachusetts Rhode Island League for Nursing. In addition, Professor Maciewicz has provided scholarly contributions to the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission as an Item Writer for the Certified Nurse Educator exam.

Professor Maciewicz earned the title of Certified Nurse Educator from the National League of Nursing in October of 2006. She was awarded the Leadership and Excellence Award from National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in 2001. Professor Maciewicz is an affiliate faculty member of the American Heart Association. She also serves on the Advisory Boards for Salem State College Nurse Education Program and North Shore Community College Practical Nursing Program. Professor Maciewicz represents the Nursing Department in multiple public and private forums to foster and develop partnerships with the Nurse Education Program's communities of interest.

Professor Maciewicz has professional practice experience in community health nursing, acute medical-surgical nursing, and intensive care nursing. In the community setting, she worked with maternal-child health clients as well as adult clients. Professor Maciewicz was part of a team that began home visits to new mothers following early discharge. Professor Maciewicz worked as a Registered Nurse for several years at Massachusetts General Hospital. Experiences included adult medical surgical nursing, intensive care nursing and clinical nurse supervision for the neurosurgical/ neuromedical-nursing service.

Professor Maciewicz is academically and experientially qualified to lead the Program of Nursing. She and the other Health Profession Department Chairpersons and Coordinators report directly to the Dean for the Division of Health Professions.

Margaret O'Connor, MSN, RN

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10 years teaching at LM/RC Nursing Program
18 ½ years at Shriners Hospital for Children-Boston Burn Unit
(10 years in Acute care unit and 8 ½ years managing Outpatient Dept)

- Many oral and poster presentations at American Burn Association annual meeting and the American Society for Plastic Surgical Nurses Association annual meeting
- Oral presentations at the First Nursing Conference in Poland-1987 in conjunction with Project Hope
- Worked with Doctors and Nurses from Children's Hospital Number 9, Moscow, USSR-1989-1991, to improve nursing care delivered to children in Moscow
- Coordinated outreach clinics for Shriners Hospital, Burn unit team in Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Florida, New Jersey, New York & Maine
- Published a Chapter on Nursing Care of the Child with Altered Mobility in a new Maternal-Child Nursing Text published by F A Davis and set for release 1-09
- Published an article on Skin Transplantation, published in the Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America, 1992.
- Received the Faculty Recognition Award for Research & Scholarship at Lawrence Memorial / Regis College Nursing Program in 2008
- President's Award-Central Massachusetts Safety Council for single-handedly stopping an advertisement selling fireworks in Massachusetts in 1994
- Inducted as Charter Member into Sigma Theta Tau, Theta At-Large in 1990
- Inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Chapter in 1988

[Jean Simmons](#) is currently Professor Emeritus and Service Learning Coordinator (2003-current) for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Greenfield Community College (GCC). In her career at GCC she has been a clinical and classroom educator in medical-surgical nursing and the Program Director/Coordinator. She earned an ADN from GCC, a BS-N from St. Anselm College and a MS-N from UMass, Amherst. Current professional affiliations include: ANA-MARN members; Sigma Theta Tau International-Beta Zeta Chapter member; Delta Kappa Gamma Society International-Alpha Epsilon Chapter member. Ms. Simmons was a past member of the MA BORN Nurse Education Advisory Committee and Chair of the Educational Mobility Subcommittee and past member of the Board of Directors for the Area Health Education Center of the Pioneer Valley. Publication includes a chapter contributor (Teaching Nursing Content to the 90's Learner) and the Editor for **Prospectives, Celebrating 40 Years of Associate Degree Nursing Education** (NLN Press, Pub. N. 23-2517, 1993) which received an AJN Nursing Education 1993 Book of the Year award.