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**Galen College of Nursing**  
**Names Vice President of Academic Affairs**

*Frequent Presenter, Author Played Key Role with National League for Nursing*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – March 10, 2008 – Galen College of Nursing today announced that, after an extensive national search, former National League for Nursing (NLN) certification program manager Tracy A. Ortelli, MS, RN, CNE, has been named Galen’s Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Ms. Ortelli has enjoyed a successful career in the nursing field, with experience in a number of areas. In addition to spending four years at the NLN directing the initial development, launch, and management of the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) credential, she also has experience as a test developer for the NCLEX® RN and PN licensure examinations and as a nurse educator, along with several years of clinical nursing experience.

Ms. Ortelli’s publishing and presenting credits also reflect her diverse knowledge and experience in nursing; she has written and contributed to a number of texts and journals. Meanwhile, she has been a frequent presenter on nursing education at conventions, events and institutions across the U.S. since the early 2000s.

“Our goal when we began our search for a VPAA was to find not only someone who had the right credentials and experience, but someone who extolled the character and enthusiasm we strive for at Galen,” said President and CEO Mark Vogt. “Tracy is that person.”

Vogt said Ortelli will bring creative vision and leadership to the nursing programs at Galen’s campuses in Kentucky, Ohio, Texas and Florida, and will lead the college’s distance learning programs in partnership with key service providers in these regions.

“The potential at Galen College of Nursing is limitless and I anticipate that in the near future it will serve as a model for educating our nation’s nurses,” Ortelli said. “As Vice President of Academic Affairs, I look forward to leading, supporting, and empowering our faculty so that they can continue to facilitate the very best clinical, classroom, and distance learning experiences.

“I’m very excited by the opportunity to be an integral part of Galen—an institution with a very clear vision and one specific purpose—to have exceptional faculty prepare students to become extraordinary nurses,” she added.

**ABOUT GALEN**

Galen College of Nursing focuses solely on nursing education and the success of each student. One of the nation's largest private colleges of nursing, Galen offers RN and LPN programs, as well as an LPN-to-RN bridge, with small class sizes, diverse clinical experiences, modern, well-equipped facilities and a committed, caring faculty. One of the nation's largest private colleges of nursing, Galen College has graduated more than 4,000 nurses across four campuses in Florida, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas. Galen's main Louisville campus is located at 1031 Zorn Avenue, Suite 400; for more information, visit [www.galencollege.edu](http://www.galencollege.edu) or call 502-410-6200.