

## Faculty and Staff

Galen provides students with a qualified faculty of professionals who are committed to sharing their knowledge and experience.

**Sharon A. Roberts, ARNP, MSN** is Dean of the Tampa Bay campus, appointed to the position in October of 1989. Ms. Roberts also serves as a Vice President of Galen.

A native of Denver, Colorado, she received a diploma in nursing from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Denver. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana University School of Nursing and a Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate from Indiana University School of Medicine. She received her Master of Science degree from the University of South Florida, College of Nursing with a clinical specialty in Adult Health.

Ms. Roberts began her nursing career in the United States Army Nurse Corps and served in the continental United States, Republic of South Vietnam and West Germany, working as a staff nurse and head nurse in Intensive Care Units and Emergency Rooms. She was discharged in 1972 with the rank of Captain.

She then moved to Indianapolis, Indiana and while obtaining her Bachelor's degree, she worked at Wishard Memorial Hospital as a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit and in the Emergency Room as Assistant Director of Nursing. She joined Galen, formerly Humana, in 1978 as Associate Executive Director of Nursing at Gibson General Hospital in Trenton, Tennessee. In 1980, she was promoted to Associate Executive Director of Nursing at Humana Hospital - St. Petersburg, where she remained until she was appointed Dean. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of the National League for Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society.

**Bobbi Martin, MSN, RN, CNE**, is the Assistant Dean. Mrs. Martin joined Galen School of Nursing from her last position as the Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute. She has extensive Nursing Education and Administrative experience in addition to her clinical expertise. She brings a great deal of enthusiasm for nursing education to her role as Assistant Dean. She will be a positive change agent as we move forward with our growth of our Tampa campus.

She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of South Florida, College of Public Health. Her research interest is female adolescent violence. She received her MSN from Clarkson College in 2000, her BSN from Franklin University in 1990 and began her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse graduating from Hocking College in 1985 and completing her ADN in 1986.

Mrs. Martin's nursing background is emergency medicine and critical care in pediatrics and adult nursing. She has been a trauma nurse at Level I emergency centers in Columbus and

Cleveland Ohio. She worked for 8 years at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg as an emergency room nurse and nursing supervisor. She has extensive experience in nursing education, was a faculty member at St. Petersburg College of Nursing from 2003-2006, an adjunct faculty member from 2000. She was a CEU course writer for Vital Signs Magazine from 1999-2004 where she published over 15 articles. She was a pediatric instructor for Cuyahoga Community College and adult critical care instructor for Hocking College in Ohio during the 1990's.

Mrs. Martin was also President and Founder of Envision Learning Corporation, a non-profit violence prevention and diversion education company from 1999-2004 where she collaborated with numerous community organizations on program development and served organizations such as the Pinellas County Public Schools, the 6th District State Attorney's office, various education centers and law enforcement throughout Pinellas County. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of the National League for Nursing.

**Susan J. Garbutt, DNP, RN, CNE, CIC** is the Clinical Coordinator. She obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Educational Leadership from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio in 2007. She received her BSN from Hartwick College, Oneonta New York in 1976, her MSN in Adult Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia in 1981, and a Graduate Certificate in Infection Control from University of South Florida in 2003.

Dr. Garbutt's nursing background includes acute care, long-term care, staff development, and infection control. She has extensive experience in nursing education, serving as RN Program Director and faculty member at Galen; a graduate student advisor at University of South Florida College of Nursing; a skills lab facilitator at St. Petersburg College; and nursing instructor at St. Petersburg College. In July 2001, she received a direct commission to the United States Air Force Reserves Nurse Corps where she currently serves with a rank of Major (Select). She is a certified Infection Control Practitioner, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor, and Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructor. She has authored a book chapter on infection control with a major book publisher, and is currently writing an article on emergency preparedness. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of the National League for Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society.

**Steven R. Hill, RN, BS** is the LPN Evening Program Coordinator. He obtained his AA in Nursing in 1975 from Meridian Junior College in Meridian, Mississippi. He received his BS in Adult Nursing in 1987 from the University of South Florida.

Mr. Hill has practiced as a Registered Nurse in Intensive Care and Home Health Care. He has experience as a clinical educator and nurse manager. He is an ACLS and BCLS instructor with the AHA. He is also an adjunct faculty member of St. Petersburg College.



**Alexsy M. Anderson, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member at Galen. Mrs. Anderson received her BSN in 1997 from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. She began her nursing career in 1997 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida, working on a women's floor. She advanced to an assistant nurse manager in 1999 and began working on a large medical/surgical floor at Morton Plant. In 2002, she started working on the maternal/infant unit, where she remained an assistant nurse manager and became a hospital-based trainer for the American Academy of Pediatrics' Neonatal Resuscitation Program. She was also involved with the hospital's pre-operative instruction class for gynecology patients for three years and served on the Professional Practice Council for 11 years. For the last year and a half, Mrs. Anderson was a clinical research coordinator for a company in Clearwater, Florida, where she collaborated with physicians and pharmaceutical companies on phase II and phase III drug trials. She helped consent patients for participation in these trials, using Good Clinical Practice standards and following FDA regulations. Mrs. Anderson also serves as one of The Home Shopping Network's medical expert guests.

**Jacqueline Bee, BSN, RN** is a Practical Nursing clinical faculty member. Jackie began her nursing career in 2004. She received her BSN from the University of Phoenix in 2008. She is currently pursuing her MSN from the University of South Florida. Jackie's experience includes acute spinal cord rehabilitation, critical care, and patient care facilitator. Jackie is BLS, ACLS certified and is also certified as an end of life nursing education consortium.

**Russell Bloom** is the Admissions Manager.

**Heather Brase** is the Executive Assistant to the Dean.

**Melissa J. Brickner, MSN, RN** is a faculty member. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1992 and her Master of Science Degree in Nursing at Marquette University in 1995. Mrs. Brickner has extensive nursing experience in critical care, medical-surgical, outpatient surgery, and nursing education. She has worked as an ICU nurse, pre-op nurse, nurse manager and clinical nurse specialist. She has taught in both associate and bachelor registered nurse programs in theory and clinical settings at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Brickner currently works in an outpatient surgery center and is certified in BLS, ACLS, and PALS.

**Candy Collins, MSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She received her Bachelors degree in Nursing from State University of New York in 1980 and her Masters degree in Nursing from South University, Savannah, Georgia in 2009. She has extensive medical/surgical nursing experience including cardiac critical care and was a research coordinator for a study conducted by Smith Kline in 1993. Since 1995 she has been involved in the home care arena and has been an integral member of the healthcare team providing wound care, infusion management, and palliative care.

**Melissa Cameron, M.S.P.H., MLT** is a faculty member at Galen. Ms. Cameron completed a B.S. degree from the University of South Florida in 2003 in Biomedical Sciences with a concentration in Microbiology. She then completed a M.S.P.H. in Communicable Diseases in 2007. She has vast experience in the areas of Clinical Microbiology, Bio-terrorism response, parasitology, and biological research. Ms. Cameron also holds Florida Medical Technologist Licenses in Microbiology and Clinical Chemistry and is a member of the American Society of Microbiology and Bay Area Microbiologists.

**Joanna Charron, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Spalding University in Louisville Kentucky and is currently completing her Masters in Nursing Education from Walden University. Her nursing background of 12 years includes Neuro Intensive Care/Trauma, PACU and outpatient surgery. Prior to becoming staff at Galen, she had been working as an educator in the Nursing Education Department at a local acute care hospital with a focus on teaching the critical care internship, basic telemetry courses and nursing orientation for all new employees. She holds certification in ACLS, BLS and is in the process of becoming a BLS instructor.

**Bill Cody** is the Information Technology Specialist.

**Jessica Cole** is the Assistant Registrar.

**Geraldine Costello, RN, BA** is an adjunct faculty member. She is a 1964 graduate of Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. She also attended Bridgeport University. She obtained her Bachelor degree in Health Sciences from the College of St. Francis.

Mrs. Costello was Head Nurse of an Oncology Unit at Mount Sinai in New York; Workmen's Compensation Nurse in Boston; developed Ostomy Department at Edward White Hospital; and for three years was at the Wound Care Center at St. Petersburg General Hospital. Mrs. Costello was an Administrative Supervisor for eight years in Texas and St. Petersburg.

**Sue Dalton, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member in the day PN program. She obtained her LPN from Hocking Technical College in Ohio in 1987. Mrs. Dalton continued at Hocking Technical College and obtained her Associate Degree in Nursing in 1988. She obtained her BSN from Ohio University in 2001. Mrs. Dalton received her certification in Gerontology in 1995. She has over 22 years of experience in acute care and long term care. Mrs. Dalton has worked in Med/Surg, Telemetry, Orthopedics, Chemotherapy and Hospice in the acute care setting of a hospital for 18 years. She was the Director of Medical/Surgical Services for the last 8 years of her tenure in the hospital. For the last 4 years, Mrs. Dalton has worked in long term care. She practiced as wound nurse, staff development, infection control coordinator, risk manager and ADON. For the last 2 years in the long term care setting, Mrs. Dalton was DON. She has written and received two grants, one from Ohio Area on Aging for \$25,000 and one from AHCA in Florida for \$52,000. She has functioned extensively in the role of Project Design and Project Implementation.

**Jeffery Davies, BSN, RN, CCRN** is a clinical faculty member. He began his nursing career as a Navy Corpsman. Mr. Davies received his AS in nursing at St. Petersburg College in 1994 and his BSN from the University of Phoenix. He has extensive nursing experience including medical, surgical, critical care emergency room, home health and long-term care. He continues to work at Bay Pines Medical Center. He is BLS/ALS certified and is currently enrolled in the MSN Program at Indiana State University.

**Tom DeVoyd, MSN, RN** is a faculty member. He began his career as a nursing assistant in 1985. He received his BSN from the University of Massachusetts/ Boston in 1994, and his MS in Adult Psych/ Mental Health from Northeastern University in Boston, MA in 2001. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. He has a wide array of experiences not only in psychiatry but also acute care, long term care, acute rehabilitation, critical care and administration. He is BLS and ACLS certified.

**Linda Donahue, BSN, RN, CRNS, CCRN** is a clinical faculty member. She is a 1977 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Illinois and has had fifteen years critical care experience, including neonatal and adult intensive care, CCU, Pediatrics, Emergency Room, Endoscopy lab and Cardiac Rehabilitation Units. Ms. Donahue received her CRNS in 1983 and her CCRN from Humana Hospital Brandon in 1989.

**Allen Doody, AS**, is the Administrative Services Manager.

**Diane Fagnoli, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member in the evening program. She earned her diploma as a Licensed Practical Nurse from Humana Health Institute (Galen) in 1993. The next 10 years was spent in the long term setting, caring for pediatric and Alzheimer's patients. During that time Ms. Fagnoli became Board Certified in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine. As an Acupuncture Physician she worked in a pain management center, where she treated many kinds of chronic pain issues. Ms Fagnoli earned her RN in May 2004 and her BSN in May, 2006 at St. Petersburg College. Along with her position at Galen Health Institute Ms Fagnoli is a critical care nurse at a local hospital and is ACLS certified. She is currently studying for her Certification in Critical Care Nursing.

**Cheryl Fidler** is a Financial Planning Coordinator.

**Elizabeth Flanagan, BSN, RN, CNN** is an adjunct faculty member. She obtained her BSN from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1985. She worked one year at Metropolitan General Hospital in Pinellas Park on the oncology floor. In 1986, she began working in Hemodialysis. She worked with both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients.

Ms. Flanagan has also worked for a physician doing research for an experimental apheresis treatment for macular degeneration. At that facility she was the patient educator. Ms. Flanagan taught one year at Boca Ciega High School in their medical magnet program. Ms. Flanagan has over 18 years of nephrology related experience in both patient care and as a charge nurse and is a Certified Nephrology Nurse.

**Dawn Friedline** is an Admissions Representative.

**Anne M. Geroux, Ph.D.** is an adjunct faculty member and teaches Developmental Psychology. She earned her M.S./Ed.S. in Mental Health Counseling in 1994 and her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy in 2001 from Florida State University. Since earning her degrees, she has worked in the professional fields of higher education and mental health counseling. She has had the opportunity to function as an adjunct professor at several excellent educational institutions, including Hillsborough Community College, Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University. Her primary student populations have been those enrolled in the nursing and counseling professions. As a counselor, she has extensive clinical experience working with at-risk youth and teenage mothers. She also specializes in parent education as well as marital and family therapy.

**Lillian Gilliam, BS, RN** is a clinical faculty member and native of New York. She received her Associate of Science in Nursing from Bronx Community College in 1973 and her Bachelor of Science in Community Health and Behavioral Sciences in 1992. Ms. Gilliam has 30 years' experience in adult, pediatric and adolescent nursing, 13 of which was spent at the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in Bronx, New York, from 1973 until 1996. Ms. Gilliam also has case management experience and is certified in basic life support.

**Phillip Greco, MS** is a faculty member. He graduated with a BS in exercise science and received Highest Honors from the University of Florida in 1997. He completed his MS in exercise physiology at the University of Florida in 1999. He has clinical experience in physical therapy, polysomnography, and cardiac rehabilitation. He taught at Illinois State University and was twice recognized as an outstanding lecturer in biological sciences.

**Karen Greenawald, ARNP, MS, MPH** is an adjunct faculty member in the RN program. She received her Associate in Science in Nursing degree from Saint Petersburg Junior College in 1983; her Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Nursing, University of South Florida - Tampa in 1996; and her Master of Science as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from the College of Nursing, University of South Florida - Tampa in 1998. In addition, she earned a Master of Public Health in Environmental/Occupational Health (Occupation Health Nurse Practitioner) from the College of Public Health, University of South Florida - Tampa in 1998. Ms. Greenawald has extensive nursing experience in all areas of critical care nursing, as well as nursing administration and staff education in the hospital setting. She has been teaching in associate degree registered nursing programs in theoretical and clinical roles since 1999. Ms. Greenawald is a member of several nursing organizations including the National League for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and she has held national certification as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and as a Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN).



**Betty C. Holte, DNP, ARNP** is a faculty member. She obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Educational Leadership from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio in 2008. She graduated from St. Petersburg College with an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and later attended the University of South Florida and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. She continued her quest for education by obtaining a Masters of Science in Nursing degree and an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner specializing in Gerontology from the University of South Florida.

She has extensive experience in nursing education and taught at St. Petersburg College associate degree registered nursing programs in theoretical and clinical roles since 1990. Her nursing experience includes hospital medical-surgical/trauma nursing, long-term care, gynecologic surgical, Home Health Care, and Critical Care. Dr. Holte is a practicing part-time Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with cardiopulmonary patients.

She is a member of several nursing organizations including the National League for Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau as a member of the St. Petersburg College of Nursing Honor Society. She was named in the "Who's Who Americas' Teachers" on several occasions and graduated as a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

**Karen Jacques-Huntley, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member at Galen. She graduated from St. Petersburg College in 2003 with an Associates degree in Nursing. She received her Bachelors degree of Nursing at the University of Tampa in 2008 and is currently pursuing her Masters Degree at Grand Canyon University. Karen has experience in long term care and acute critical care. Her specialty is cardiac and med surgical progressive care. Karen's prior work experience included being the preferred preceptor at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida on their medical surgical progressive care floor. She is certified in BLS, ACLS and CLS. She is also involved in community projects including the National Council on Negro Women and the Black Nurses Association.

**Ernest Jones** is an Admissions Representative.

**Linda S. Ketchum, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She is currently in the process of earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and currently holds an Associate of Arts in nursing from Saint Petersburg Junior College. She began her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse upon graduation from Pinellas Vocational Technical Institute in 1974. Her plans are to pursue a Master's Degree in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader in the near future. She is certified in Low Risk Neonatal Nursing, as a Certified Lactation Counselor, and serves as a Regional Trainer for the American Academy of Pediatrics' Neonatal Resuscitation Program. Additionally, Ms. Ketchum currently serves as President-elect of the Saint Petersburg College of Nursing's Honor Society. Her previous nursing experience includes maternal/infant nursing, Labor and Delivery, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She is presently serving as a subject matter expert on the design team of a new computerized documentation system for a major area health care system.

**Nancy V. Kirk, MSN, RN** is a faculty member. Ms. Kirk received her BSN from The University of Florida in 1969. She earned her MSN, Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical Nursing from Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey in 1977. She then served in the Navy Nurse Corps as Lt. (jg.) from 1969 to 1971.

She has held a variety of nursing administrative positions, the most recent as Assistant Administrator Patient Care Service at Palms of Pasadena, St. Petersburg. She was a Nursing Instructor in the St. Petersburg Junior College ADN program, February 1990 through May 1992.

Ms. Kirk is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, National Nursing Honor Society. She is the co-author of Fun Pharm, a pharmacology study aide. She is currently working on future nursing publications.

**Larissa Kushner, MSN, ARNP, PNP**, is a faculty member in the RN program. She graduated from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1982 with an ASN. She received her BSN from the University of South Florida, Tampa, in 1986. She received her MSN PNP from SUNY at Buffalo in 1995. Ms. Kushner has extensive clinical care, pediatric, and emergency room experience, and has held clinical and administrative positions at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, one of the largest acute care units in the world. Upon her return to Florida in 1990, she became involved in trauma nursing, which has become a passion. Her nursing education experience includes didactic, clinical, and mentoring work at St. Petersburg College since 1998, as well as serving as Chair of the Endowment Committee.

**Cheryl Lasater, RN, BSN** is a member of the faculty at Galen. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of South Florida in Tampa and is currently working on her Masters of Science in Nursing at USF. Cheryl began her nursing career in acute care after graduating from Manatee Community College in 1995. Prior to graduating from nursing school, Cheryl completed EMT/Paramedic training in Manatee County, Florida. Cheryl's experience encompasses acute care and open heart, emergency and triage nursing, first assistant in the cardiac catheterization lab, case manager for home health care as well as nursing educator. Cheryl taught Anatomy and Physiology at Manatee Technical Institute and recently, Cheryl was a clinical adjunct faculty member at Manatee Community College. She currently holds certification in BLS, ACLS and PALS. Cheryl has an avid interest in education and is heavily involved with the Manatee County School Board, serving as School Advisory Council Chairperson for the last 8 years, and is active in the Joint Parent Organization. She has served on various planning committees on behalf of the Manatee County School system.

**Michele L. Loring-Grey, MA, BA** is an adjunct faculty English faculty member. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education/English in 1997 and a Master of Arts degree in English in 2001 at Gannon University, in her native town of Erie, Pennsylvania. She holds a current Florida teaching license in English/Language Arts. With nearly 12 years in the education industry, she has taught in both public and private schools in the United States and Asia, at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. The bulk of her academic experiences include teaching, tutoring, and developing texts/courses for the following content areas: Language Arts; Expository and Persuasive Essay-Writing; College Composition and Research Writing; English as a Second Language (ESL); and Aviation English Language (AEL). After serving as an Intelligence Officer in the US Army, she returned to Florida to work as an AEL instructor for Delta Connection Academy, testing and training international pilot cadets in the areas of Air Traffic Control communications, Aviation English, ESL, and Federal Aviation Regulations. At present, she teaches English courses at Galen and works part-time for Pal-Tech, Inc. as a Subject Matter Expert, developing training modules for writing courses to be used by the US Army's Distance Learning Education Training Program.

**Lashelle A. Leftheris, BSN, RN-C** is a clinical faculty member for the Practical Nursing evening program. Ms. Leftheris received her LPN in 1994 and a Scrub Technologist certificate in 1995 from Pinellas Technical Education. She received her ASN in 1999 and her BSN in 2007 from St. Petersburg College. She is currently enrolled in the MSN program at Walden University, with an expected completion date of October 2009. Ms. Leftheris is certified in Inpatient Obstetrics. She is currently employed at Morton Plant Hospital as the Specialty Educator on the Labor and Delivery Unit. Ms. Leftheris is an active member of Florida Nurses Association, Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nurses, National Nurses for Staff Development, Pinellas Association of Nurse Educators, and a member of Sigma Theta Tau, serving as the Chapter's secretary for Upsilon Psi.

**Chris Machel** is a faculty member at Galen. He earned his BS in Management Information Systems from the University of South Florida in 1999 and his Masters in Informations Systems Management from the University of Phoenix in 2006. He has taught Office and web based technologies to students with disabilities at St. Petersburg College for 6 years. Mr. Machel is a retired Army Senior Medical Non-Commissioned Officer with 22 years of medical experience, primarily in Trauma management and health care administration operations within fixed and mobile clinical environments.

**Ann Marie Maloney, MA, BA** is a librarian. She obtained her BA from St. Francis College in Biddeford, Maine majoring in Political Science. She received her MA in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. She is a member of the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Suncoast Information Specialists, and the American Indian Library Association.

**Kim Maloy** is the Day Receptionist.

**Vonda Massie, BSN, RN** is an adjunct laboratory faculty member. She graduated from Indiana State University in 1993 with an Associate Degree in Nursing, followed by her BSN from the University of Phoenix in 2007. Vonda is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing Education from Walden University, and has over 15 years of clinical experience, with 10 years of cardiac critical care and open heart recovery. She was previously the director of a 70 bed telemetry department at Northside Tampa Bay Heart Institute.

**Felita Gale McNeill, Ed.D, Ed.S, M.Ed, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member in the practical nursing program. She received her Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Argosy University in 2004. She is currently a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

**Terri K. Montoya, MSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member at Galen. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Florida State University in 1966. She immediately began to serve in the US Army Nurse Corp and was honorably discharged as Captain ANC, August 1969. She received the Army Commendation Medal for establishing the first critical care unit in the 7th Army, Europe. This only began the 40+ years working in most capacities in critical care units in Florida, South Dakota, Virginia and Maryland.

**Denise Morris, RN** is an evening clinical faculty member. She comes to Galen with an expertise in progressive care and surgical nursing. She is currently the clinical coordinator of the Spine Unit at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute. She is completing her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at St. Petersburg College and plans to continue toward a Master's Degree.

**Jon F. Nutting, MA, ASN, RN-BC** is a faculty member. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Social Science from the University of Mississippi. He began his nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse before completing his Associate of Science in Nursing at Saint Petersburg College. He is certified in Gerontology by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and is a past board member of the Community Health Centers of Pinellas County. He has extensive past experience in Home Health Case Management.

**Karen R. Phillips, MA, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She received an RN, cum laude, from The Hackensack University Medical Center, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Farleigh Dickinson University and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of South Florida. Her nursing background includes intensive care, coronary care, occupational health, long-term care, and home health. She also has extensive experience as a consultant regarding surgical service expansions, case cart management and the implementation of open heart, obstetrical and outpatient surgical services.

**Amy Purvis, MS, BA** is the Library Director. She obtained her BA in English in 2003 and her Master's in Library Science in 2005 from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. She is a member of the American Library Association.



**Nancy Riesel** is a Financial Planning Coordinator.

**Audrey Rideout, RN, BSN** is a faculty member. She graduated from Grace General Hospital School of Nursing in 1980 as an RN. She obtained her BSN from Regents College in Albany, New York in 1994. She is BLS certified and trained in EKG and PCU. Her experience includes, but is not limited to: Medical, general surgical, gynecology, nephrology, telemetry, orthopedics, trauma, and neurology.

**Tommie E. Rimes, MSN, RN**, is the Director of Clinical Simulation and Clinical Learning Labs. He received his Master of Science in Nursing from Florida Southern University in 2008. He is currently enrolled in the Nursing Education PhD program at University of Texas at Arlington. Mr. Rimes received his Associate of Science in Nursing from Excelsior College in Albany, New York in 2002 and his diploma as a licensed practical nurse from Humana Health Institute (now Galen School of Nursing) in 1992. Mr. Rimes previously served Galen in the capacity of PN Program Director.

**Margaret Samicz, MSN, MBA, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. Ms. Samicz graduated in 1994 from St. Petersburg College, FL with an Associate of Science in Nursing. In 2002, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Phoenix and in 2005, finished her Master of Science in Nursing and Business Administration in Healthcare Management at the University of Phoenix. She has been working as an RN for the last 14 years.

**Daryl Sample, BSN, RN, CRNI** is a clinical faculty member. He received his BSN at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He has twenty years of emergency room experience. His specialty area is in infusion nursing. He has placed over 4000 PICS and midlines using ultrasound. The CRNI is the highest level achieved through INCC. He is a member of the Infusion Nurses Society on a national level. He has been working as an RN for 25 years.

**Kay Seymour** is a Financial Planning Coordinator.

**Charlotte Sheppard, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, she received her Practical Nursing license in 1994 from Galen School of Nursing (formerly The Health Institute of Tampa Bay). She went on to receive her Associates Degree in nursing from the University of New York, Regents College and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Tampa. Ms. Sheppard is the Former Vice President of the Delta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. Ms. Sheppard has devoted the majority of her career to working with the geriatric population in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities and in Home Health. She is Board Certified in Geriatrics through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). She is certified as an Assisted Living Facility Administrator. Ms. Sheppard provides Standard of Care consultation relative to the nursing community and has acted as a panel member for the Standard Setting Panel that provides the Board Certification examination in Geriatrics.

**Carina D. Smiric, BSN, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She received her ASN from St. Petersburg College in 1989 and her BSN from University of South Florida. Ms. Smiric has over 20 years of experience in medical-surgical and emergency room nursing and is currently employed in the critical care unit at Bayfront Medical Center. She has served as a clinical faculty member for the University of South Florida and is currently pursuing her MSN.

**Angela M. Smith, MSN, CNL, RN** is a clinical faculty member. She received her Associate and Bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Petersburg College, and her MSN from The University of South Florida. She is a certified clinical nurse leader. Her nursing background is in Oncology/Hematology and Medical Surgical. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society.

**Pam Suetholz, MA, BA, AA, RN** is a faculty member. Ms. Suetholz received her MA in Adult Education from University of South Florida in 1994 and her BA, magna cum laude, in 1987. Ms. Suetholz has 27 years of nursing experience in a hospital setting. Her professional memberships include: Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and the Oncology Nursing Society.

**Maureen Sullivan-Tevault, BSN, RN** is an adjunct faculty member. She received her RN in 1981 at St Mary of Nazareth School of Nursing (IL). She completed her BSN at St. Petersburg College (FL), and a MS in Public Health at Columbia State University (LA). She is a Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) and is certified as both a BLS and ACLS instructor. Maureen has over 25 years experience, with a focus on Emergency and Trauma Nursing. Maureen has written health related articles for publication in Nursing Spectrum, Nurse Advance, and The Journal of EMS.

**Trish Sward** is the Office Manager.

**Gerard Teamer, MS** is a faculty member at Galen. Mr. Teamers graduated from Villa Maria College in Buffalo New York in 1987 with an AS in Business Administration. Mr. Teamers graduated from Daemen College in Buffalo, New York in 1992 with a BS in Business Administration. Mr. Teamers graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo New York in 2000 with a MS in Mathematics Education. Gerard received Florida Professional Teaching Certificate in Mathematics in 2008. Has 9 years of teaching Mathematics to students in secondary schools in Buffalo New York, Jacksonville, Florida. Three years teaching in Algebra, Geometry, College Mathematics and College Prep Mathematics at Southwest Florida College in Brandon, Florida. Also worked as at Southwest Florida College as an Assistant Dean/Evening Administrator. Mr. Teamers received awards from Southwest Florida College for constantly achieving 4.84 out of 5.00 on student evaluations and success with student retention.

**Ivan Tomiampos** is an Admissions Representative.

**Syvonne Terrell, MSN, BSN, RN** is a faculty member in the RN program. She received her nursing diploma from Cox School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri in 1994. She received her BSN from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1998. Mrs. Terrell began her nursing career working as a labor and delivery nurse and a first assistant in a large teaching hospital. After several years of working as a traveling nurse working on labor and delivery units, she settled down in Tampa, Florida where she completed her MSN in Nursing Education in 2007 from the University of South Florida. Since 2007, she has taught at St. Petersburg College with a concentration in the courses of Maternity, Pediatrics, and Medical-Surgical Nursing. Her plans are to pursue a PhD. in the near future.

**Andrew Upton, BSN, RN, CEN** is a faculty member. In 1994, he attended Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland, graduating with a BSN in 1996. He is currently working on his Masters degree from Kaplan University, graduating in 2010. For the past twelve years, he has worked in emergency trauma nursing. He is a member of ENA, NLN and Sigma Theta Tau International.

**Cheryl Walsh, BSN, RN** is an adjunct clinical faculty member. She obtained her BSN from Southern Illinois University in 1978. She is a Certified Pediatric Nurse. She has extensive experience in Pediatric nursing as well as outpatient surgery, hemodialysis and medical surgical nursing.

**Sue Wegener, BSN, RN** is an adjunct mental health faculty member in the LPN evening program. She earned her BSN in 1991 from Niagara University in New York and began her nursing career in mental health at the Rochester Psychiatric Center, New York, immediately following graduation. Ms. Wegener relocated to the Tampa area in 1998. She has a vast array of experiences in mental health and has worked with a large continuum of age groups from children and adolescents to adults.

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