

Contributing Author



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Anita Kinser, EdD, RN, BC, has over 26 years experience in nursing with over 10 years as an educator in ADN, BSN, and MSN programs. She is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) in Nursing Informatics and is a member of the ANCC's Content Expert Panel for Nursing Informatics. She is an Associate Professor and ADN Department Chair for Riverside City College, School of Nursing, Riverside, CA, and adjunct professor for Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA. As a Nursing Education Resource Specialist, her focus has been on assessment and remediation of at-risk nursing students, and integration of technology into nursing education curriculum. Dr. Kinser was acknowledged for teaching excellence in the 2003 and 2005 editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She has presented nationally at a number of conferences; her publications include articles in the *Journal of Nursing Education* and *Nurse Educator*. She recently co-authored *Start Right in Nursing School*, a nursing student assessment software program with Dr. Linda Caputi.



Elizabeth N. Stokes, EdD, RN, CNE, has an educational and experiential background in adult health and gerontological nursing. Her primary teaching areas are research, role development, and the care of the chronically ill. She is also a consultant on curriculum, instruction, and evaluation to both undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. A Professor Emeritus, Dr. Stokes is currently teaching as adjunct faculty at Arkansas State University and continuing professional service and scholarship activities.



Diane Whitehead, MSN, EdD, RN earned an MSN from the University of Miami and an EdD from Florida International University. She has experience in ICU and home health care. She has been both faculty and administrator in associate degree, baccalaureate, and masters nursing programs. In 2002, Dr. Whitehead developed the nursing program at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). She currently serves as Associate Dean for Nursing at NSU. Dr. Whitehead has numerous publications and presentations. Her textbook, *Essentials of Nursing Leadership and Management*, was selected as an American Journal of Nursing textbook in 2002. Now in its 4th edition, this textbook is widely used in community college nursing programs throughout the country and in Europe. Dr. Whitehead chairs a national task force on nursing faculty leadership for the National League for Nursing. She was funded for a National League for Nursing Research Grant on this topic in 2005.