



Theresa A. Kessler, PhD.

Professor of Nursing

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Biography

Professor Kessler joined the faculty in 1994. She teaches in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Professor Kessler's clinical experiences are varied. She worked as a staff and charge nurse in the emergency room, surgical telemetry, oncology, and surgical/trauma. Her experiences also include working as a staff development coordinator with new graduates and experienced nurses. She has practiced in both a small county hospital and large urban teaching hospitals.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Professor Kessler has been a board member at the local level for ISNA, past president and counselor at the chapter level for Sigma Theta Tau International, and a volunteer through the Indiana Division of the American Cancer Society. Professor Kessler is certified as a Clinical Specialist in Adult Health Nursing by the ANCC. She was an item writer for APN certification through the ANCC. Professor Kessler currently is serving the ANCC as Chair of the Content Expert Panel on CNS in Adult Health Nursing and Chair of the Advanced Practice Board on Certification. Her research interests include cognitive appraisal and quality of life for individuals facing cancer and the health status of uninsured and underserved adults. She works closely with another CON faculty member supporting a program of undergraduate research. She has been published in a variety of journals including: Journal

College of Nursing - Valparaiso University
of Professional Nursing, Research in
Nursing and Health, Nursing Leadership
Forum, Oncology Nursing Forum,
Journal of Community Health Nursing,
and Journal of Nursing Education.
Additionally, she serves as a site
evaluator for the Commission on
Collegiate Nursing Education.

Education

PhD. - University of Kentucky 1993
MSN - Indiana University 1981
BSN - Purdue University 1979

Certifications

- Certified as a Clinical Specialist in
Adult Health Nursing

Areas of Specialization

- ELNAC Palliative Care Trainer