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Dr. Orton received a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from University of Maryland, a Master's degree in Primary care of Families (FNP) from Hampton University in Hampton VA; and a Doctorate degree in Nursing of Minority Families from Hampton University. She received her certification as a Nurse Educator from the National League of Nursing.

Dr. Orton has an extensive clinical and administrative background. Experiences in clinical settings such as Neo-Natal ICU, Medical ICU, Cardio-Thoracic Surgical unit, and general ICU's, as well as being Vice-President of Patient Care have given Dr. Orton a well-rounded career in the Nursing Profession. After receiving her Family Nurse Practitioner certification she worked as a FNP in clinical settings serving at risk patient's, as well as family practice and internal medicine. Dr. Orton has taught in undergraduate, graduate and post graduate nursing programs at the university level for 14 years. Dr. Orton started at NSU in 2012 as a faculty member in the APRN program and in 2013 became the Interim Program Director for the DNP program.

Dr. Orton's area of interest and research includes working with at risk populations, which include the homeless, women, poor, and the elderly. My research has focused on single mothers and the elderly. Research in the area of academia include nursing faculty/student perceptions of effective teaching and use of MicroSim in the classroom.