

College of Nursing



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As the Dean of the College of Nursing at NSU, Dr. Rutherford seeks to use her leadership expertise to enhance the preparation of today's nursing students to become the leaders in tomorrow's health care environment. Under her 6 years as Dean, the College of Nursing (CON) has grown and currently graduates the largest number of BSN nurses of any program in Florida and is one of the largest Nurse Practitioner programs in the State. Dr. Rutherford has over 40-years of experience in healthcare in various areas that include nursing, finance, healthcare economics, and academia. Her research has focused on health policy and economics related to the value of nursing care to the health care delivery industry. She is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow Alumni and is a sponsored candidate for the American Academy of Nursing for 2017. Dr Rutherford is on many organizational Boards, speaks on her field of expertise at national conferences, and is a member of many national and state nursing professional organizations.