



News Release

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Athens, GA— Barbara Phillips, program chair of the associate degree program in Nursing at Athens Technical College, has earned the designation of certified nurse educator from the National League for Nursing (NLN).

Experienced faculty who earn this credential through a rigorous examination process communicate to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that they have met the highest standards of excellence in nursing education.

In 2008, 662 nurse educators earned the certified nurse educator credential. Since the unveiling of the program in Fall 2005, 1,552 nurse educators representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia have earned this certification. Certified nurse educators reflect the spectrum of their academic colleagues in the United States. They hold master's and doctoral degrees; are full, associate, and assistant professors; and teach in all kinds of nursing programs—baccalaureate and higher, associate degree, diploma, and licensed practical nursing.

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Ms. Phillips was appointed to serve as program chair of the Nursing program in 2009 after having served in an interim capacity for one year. She joined the Nursing faculty at Athens Technical College in 1994. She has extensive experience as a critical care nurse, having worked at hospitals in Maryland and Georgia.

She received her diploma in nursing in 1974 from the Georgia Baptist School of Nursing in Atlanta, her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1990 from the Atlanta Campus of Brenau University, and her master's degree in nursing in 1994 from the School of Nursing of Athens (SONAT) program of the Medical College of Georgia.

Ms. Phillips was selected as a Governor's Teaching Fellow in 2005. Former Gov. Zell Miller established this program in 1995 in order to provide higher education faculty throughout the state with expanded opportunities for developing important teaching skills.

She is active in local civic and professional endeavors. She has served as a member of the executive board of Project Safe, Inc., a member of the Clarke and Oconee County Domestic Violence Task Force, a member of the Georgia Association for Nursing Education (GANE), a member of the Georgia Association of Nursing Deans and Directors, and a member of the Medical College of Georgia Health Care Partners Advisory Council.

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