

Faculty Advisor Biographies
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Lillian Barron is a Nurse Practitioner, educator and administrator. She is a Texan by birth and has recently returned to Texas after living and working outside the United States for five years. She earned her bachelors degree from Texas Christian University and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has a postgraduate certificate as an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (Family) from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. She has been a nurse for 28 years with wide clinical and management experience including Women's Health, Pediatrics, High Risk OB and medical surgical nursing. She has experience as a hospital assistant administrator, director of nursing, house supervisor, charge nurse and in service hospital educator. Lillian has taught at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston; and Texas Christian University. She worked for three years as a family nurse practitioner in UTMB's family medicine and student health clinics. Most recently, she was director of a multinational nursing educational workforce teaching nursing students at various levels in Saudi Arabia and is now the Director of Nursing Programs at Galveston College. She is a member of the National League for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and other nursing organizations. She is active in her church and community. When she isn't walking her dog on the beach, you can find her gardening, cooking or working on one of her stained glass projects.

Margaret (Maggie) Bassett is an associate professor at Radford University School of Nursing in southwest Virginia where she also serves as Coordinator of International Programs. She holds a bachelors degree in Nursing and an M.P.H. from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in Nursing from Boston University, and she completed her doctoral studies at Virginia Tech. Community health is her area of specialization, and she has taught community content and supervised student clinical placements in baccalaureate nursing programs in both Michigan and Virginia. Her professional interests over the years have been in facilitating access to health care for disenfranchised community groups. Living in a rural medically underserved area of Virginia, her firsthand experiences in working with health disparities led her to help establish a free health clinic that is celebrating twenty-five years of service this spring. Her interest in international health care was sparked when she spent the summer of 1985 working in the central plateau area of Haiti. In 1996 she was awarded a W.K. Kellogg Fellowship in International Community Development under the auspices of Partners of the Americas. This fellowship allowed her to conduct health promotion and prevention education with women's groups in the state of Santa Catarina, Brazil. At Radford University she was able to work with her contacts in Santa Catarina to initiate a comparative health care study abroad course to Brazil. In recent years she has shifted the focus of this course to Scotland. Over the years Maggie has combined full-time teaching with part-time clinical practice. She has fifteen years of practice on the local postpartum unit, and since 2000, has practiced in the primary health clinic established by her employing institution and on a mobile health unit that travels to medically underserved areas. She was the co-recipient of a three-year Jesse Ball DuPont grant to provide care to children in a rural county with no health providers. Maggie is active in community service endeavors in her local community and is an active member of Epsilon Psi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau and other professional organizations.