

Dr. Debra B. Jackson Biographic Information:

Debbie is Professor Emerita at Clemson University and served as Professor and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Assistant to the President at Clemson University prior to her retirement in 2017.

Prior to Clemson, Dr. Jackson worked at Emory University in a variety of roles from staff nurse, head nurse, director of a non-degree nursing specialty certification program, clinical associate in the Department of Surgery to a tenured faculty member in the School of Nursing. Dr. Jackson has served in a variety of national positions including, but not limited to membership on the NIH National Digestive Disease Advisory Board from 1986 to 1990. Also, with NIH, she worked with the Digestive Disease Education and Information Clearinghouse and the Division of Cancer Control and Health Rehabilitation Oncology Nursing Project as an Evaluation Program Participant. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Digestive Disease Organizations and as a member of the American Cancer Society National Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee on Colorectal Cancer.

In addition to three edited textbooks in nursing, Dr. Jackson has published numerous book chapters and articles. Dr. Jackson developed and implemented new degree programs in Pediatric Oncology (graduate, Emory), Health Sciences (undergraduate, Clemson) and Health Administration (graduate, joint with MUSC and Clemson). Her research funding, in collaboration with colleagues, included grants from the NIH (Area Grant), HHS Division of Nursing, and SC Department of Social Services.

At Clemson, Dr. Jackson served as a faculty member in nursing, managed both the development of the BS in Health Sciences and a joint MHA degree with the Medical University of South Carolina and Clemson, was the first department chair in Public Health Sciences, and interim Dean of the Graduate School before accepting a position as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. The Office of University Assessment and the Office of Institutional Research reported to her.

From 1991 until her retirement in 2017, Dr. Jackson wrote a bi-weekly Health column that was published in the Sunday edition of the *Anderson Independent Mail*.

Dr. Jackson has chaired two SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation actions for Clemson University, in 2002 and 2013. Both resulted in reaffirmation with no follow up reports. In addition to receiving the Order of the Tiger in 2013 from the Undergraduate Student Government at Clemson, Dr. Jackson was recognized by the Cleveland Clinic WOC Nursing in their Hall of Fame in 2013. Other recognitions include: elected as a Foundation Member of the Delta Chapter of SC Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2007; American Council of Education (ACE) 1998 Fellow (declined); Clemson University Community Service Award 1993; President's Award, International Association for Enterostomal Therapy, 1988; Alumni of the Year 1987, Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, Charleston, SC.; Ethicon Laureate Award, First Place; Southeast Surgical Congress, Washington, D.C. 1985; Russell Church Memorial Lectureship Award, American Urological Association, Allied May, 1985; American Journal of Nursing Company, 1983 Book of the Year Award for Principles of Ostomy Care; and election into Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., National Honor Society of Nursing, 1978.

In 2015, Dr. Jackson was selected as a board member for the Clemson Community Foundation, a non-profit foundation board that supports non-profit community groups across the Clemson area.

Educational Background: Ph.D., Georgia State University, Higher Education Administration; Master in Nursing, Emory University; B.S., Nursing, Medical University of S.C.; Certification in Wound, Ostomy and Continence 1981-1990; Certified Health Education Specialist 1991-96; Currently licensed (RN) in S.C.