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Mary is a graduate of Youngstown State University having earned both her Associate degree and Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care here at YSU. She began her educational career at Youngstown State University in 1980 as an adjunct faculty member and clinical instructor for the Respiratory Care program and later earned her Master's Degree in Education from Kent State University. Mary has served in several roles throughout her career, she became a full-time faculty member in 2008 and took on the role of Director of Clinical Education and eventually Program Director for the Respiratory Care Programs. Mary has served as a Special Assistant to the Dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and most recently been appointed as Chairperson for the department of Health Professions.

During her career Mary has received the Distinguished Professor in Teaching award and been inducted into the Lambda Beta and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, she has also earned the honor of being named the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care Education Practitioner.

Mary continues to hold membership in the American Association of Respiratory Care, The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care, and The Coalition for Baccalaureate and Graduate Respiratory Therapy Education, she has been an active member of the respiratory profession serving as the district representative for the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care as well as a member of the legislative community and site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. She continues to serve the community and Youngstown State University both in her role as Chairperson for the Department of Health Professions as she actively promotes interdisciplinary initiatives in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and in the community as an active participant of services at the Midlothian Free Clinic.