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Buddy Herrington is the Nursing Director at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth, Florida and currently serves as a Secretary for the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN). He has been in the nursing profession for 42 years and his clinical specialty is Emergency Department Nursing. Buddy began his nursing career in the United States Army Nurse Corps where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving 22 years. His many assignments included Clinical Head Nurse of Emergency Departments to include the Level 1 Trauma Center at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He also received his master's degree as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and worked in that role at Fort Bragg, NC. Buddy spent 3 years in Germany as the Chief, Nursing Education and Training at the Frankfurt Army Regional Medical Center where he had a dual appointment as the Consultant for Nursing Education and Training for 7<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM in Heidelberg. In this role he was responsible for implementing the Workload Management/Patient Acuity System throughout all Army European Hospitals. He served as an Army Nurse Corps Counselor for the Army Recruiting Command for several years where he was the advisor and consultant to 4 Battalion Commanders on nurse recruitment in a 3 state area. His final military assignment was as Chief, Nursing Administration Days at Noble Army Community Hospital, Ft. McClellan, AL. After retirement from the Army, he became the Director of Education for the Texas Nurses Association where he provided administrative oversight for the American Nurse Credentialing Center Continuing Nursing Education Accreditation System for the State of Texas. His academic career began as an Associate Professor at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, TX. From there he accepted a position as Director of the Center for Continuing Nursing Education at The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX and then into his current position.

His professional activities include membership in the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, American Nurses Association, Florida Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, Florida League for Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau. He has served as a board member for several advisory boards throughout his career to include serving as Chair to the Baylor University School of Nursing Board of Advisors for several years. He completed his bachelor's degree at Baylor University and his master's degree at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.