

Interview Guide: Dr. Gloria Donnelly

Can you tell me a little about yourself (educational history, career history, etc.)?

How did you decide to pursue nursing as your career?

Where did you receive your nursing education?

What other positions have you held in nursing, either as a practicing nurse or as an administrator?

Any special career highlights or favorite memories?

Why did La Salle start to look at establishing a nursing school? How did you become involved?

How did you come to invite the first faculty (such as Dr. Wolf)? Where did you find them?

How did you go about the daunting task of designing a curriculum?

What was the curriculum for the program like when it was first established? Has it changed since then?

What was the vision that you had for the program? What kinds of values and skills did you wish to instill in La Salle nursing students?

Were there any characteristics of the La Salle program that made it distinctive in the area among other nursing schools?

Where did nursing students originally assigned to clinical rotations? How did you go about obtaining clinical assignments at various hospitals?

How many students were in the first graduating class? What were the students like?

What kinds of positions did the first graduates obtain after graduation?

What was the attitude of the rest of the university towards the new nursing program?

What were the facilities like in which you worked?

What were some of the challenges the program encountered in its first years?

What were some of the highlights of your time at La Salle? Some of the frustrations?

Were there any La Salle faculty that were particularly helpful in establishing the School?

What aspects of the program made it particularly "Lasallian"?

How did you feel when the program expanded into its own School?

~~How did it feel knowing that under your leadership the program became one of the largest R.N.-B.S.N. programs in the nation?~~

How did you feel about the growth of the program?
what were your responsibilities as Dean when the
Dpt. of Nursing became the School of Nursing?