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Governor Nathan Deal Appoints Professor to Georgia Board of Nursing

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"This has been a private dream of mine for years, but to actually be invited, unsolicited, is one of the most uplifting events of my professional career," Shilling said. "I have to thank Donna Hodnicki (Professor Emeritus) and Provost Jean Bartels for their wonderful mentorship to me over the years. Without their influence, I doubt I would have ever felt qualified to serve in this capacity."

Established in 1907, the board exists to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety and welfare of registered professional nursing education and practice through legislative regulation and control.

In her role as professor, Shilling teaches at all levels in the School of Nursing. She says it can be challenging, but she thoroughly enjoys working with students. "It is phenomenal to watch their growth into the nursing profession at every stage," she said.

A board certified family nurse practitioner, Shilling earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Armstrong State College. She earned both her master's and her doctor of Nursing Practice degrees from Georgia Southern University.

"I have been involved with nursing practice issues in Georgia for many years, and completed my doctoral work on barriers to advanced nursing practice in Georgia," Shilling said. "My research was used to support legislation to remove some of the identified barriers to practice. I made a lot of friends in Atlanta and it really opened doors for me."

With more than 31 years of experience as a nurse in Georgia, Shilling has been a faculty member at Georgia Southern for six years. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society – Mu Kappa Chapter, the National

Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia and the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Georgia. She resides in Statesboro.