

1988-1995 Nurse Consultant, Chronic Disease Branch, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Frankfort, Kentucky

1986-1988 Education Coordinator Volunteers, Breast Diagnostic Center, University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky

1983-1985 Director, Education and Staff Development, Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Lexington, Kentucky

1977-1986 Associate Professor of Nursing, Lexington Community College, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

1965-1974 Coordinator of Preventive Services/Project Director, Community Health Survey, Department for Community Medicine/University of Kentucky Health Services, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

1962-1964 Instructor, Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, Lexington, Kentucky

1960-1962 Assistant Head Nurse, Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky

Presentations, Publications and Research (Selected)

Spears, E.J. (March 2009) Public Health Professionals Continuing Education, Presentation, *2009 Program Kentucky Public Health Association, Louisville, Kentucky*

Spears, E.J. (April 2009) Kentucky Institute for Public Health Practice Enhancement, Presentation, *Public Health Workforce Survey, Kentucky Association of Health Administrators, Frankfort, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J., Dunn, D., Lamberth, C., Wilson, R. (November 2008) Kentucky Institute for Public Health Practice Enhancement, Presentation/Facilitator, *Annual Retreat, Continuing Education: Eastern Kentucky University, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and Western Kentucky University, Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, Kentucky*

Hill, R., Spears, E. J., (January 2008) Southeast Public Health Training Center, University of North Carolina Public Health Leadership Institute, Presentation, *Kentucky's Public Health Workforce Initiative, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

Spears, E. J. (January 2007-May 2007) Public Health Nursing Graduate Certificate Program, Instructor, and Assurance: *Evaluation of Public Health Programs, College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, and Lexington, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (November 2007) Kentucky Institute for Public Health Practice Enhancement, Facilitator/Leader, *Strategic Planning for Public Health Workforce Enhancement, Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (May, 2006) Association of Schools of Public Health Nursing Leadership Workgroup, Representative/Presenter: *College of Public Health/College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Washington, D. C.*

Spears, E. J. (June 2005) Kentucky Public Health Nurses Leadership Institute, Developer/Mentor *College of Nursing and Kentucky Department for Public Health, Lexington, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (September 2005) Kentucky Department for Public Health, Community Partnership Project, Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center Conference, "Harnessing the Power of Coalitions to Build Safer communities", Facilitator/Moderator, Kentucky Injury Statistics for ATV's , Lexington, Kentucky

Spears, E. J. (September 2005 -July2002) Kentucky Department for Public Health Cooperative Agreement with Centers for Disease control and Prevention for Disaster Preparedness: Focus Area G Co-Investigator: *Training and Education, Frankfort, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (July 2002- September 2005) Kentucky Department for Public Health Cooperative Agreement Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Disaster Preparedness Training; Administrator for Memorandum of Agreements for (56) local health departments Training and Education (Focus Area G), Frankfort, Kentucky

Spears, E. J. (November 2004) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Presentation: *Using Effective Orientation to Prepare Nurses for Public Health Practice, Washington, D.C.*

Spears, E. J. (November 2003) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Presentation: Kentucky's Transition Initiative: Refocusing on Population-based Public Health. Philadelphia, PA

Spears, E. J. and Richmond, C. (Summer 2002) **THE LINK**, Quarterly Bulletin of The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice, Publication, *Kentucky Transition Training Initiative: Refocusing on Population-based Public Health, Washington, D. C.*

Spears, E. J. (July 2002) Kentucky Department for Public Health and School of Nursing University of Louisville, Administrator, *Kentucky Public Health Nurses; Outcome Evaluation of Public Health "Transition Training", Frankfort, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (July 1999) Kentucky Department for Public Health, Conference Co-Chairman, "Commissioner's Conference on Public Health Data", Louisville, Kentucky

Spears, E. J. (April 1997) Kentucky Department for Public Health, Conference Coordinator, "Governor's Conference on Public Health "Louisville, Kentucky

Spears, E. J. (July 1997) Division of Epidemiology, Kentucky Department for Public Health, CO-Author, Publication, *"Guide to Kentucky Public Health Surveillance Systems", Frankfort, Kentucky*

Spears, E. J. (1993-1995) Kentucky Department for Public Health and University of Kentucky Rural Health Center, Project Coordinator, *Kentucky Health Interview and Examination Survey, Report to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Frankfort, Kentucky*

(Other work provided upon request)

Professional Organizations/Associations/Groups

Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky (Member 1967-present; Numerous offices)

College of Nursing Alumnae Association, University of Kentucky
(Numerous Offices including President 2003-2005; Executive Board 2000-present)
Outstanding Alumni (award 2006)

American Cancer Society, Kentucky Chapter, Professional Education Committee (1990-1999)
Coordinator for the Southeast Training Center, University of North Carolina (Kentucky Department for Public Health representative on Competency Committee: 2000-2005)

Kentucky Public Health representative on HRSA Public Health Nursing Task Group (2003-2005)

Governor's Task Group on Elder Abuse (1999-2003)

College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Advisory Committee for Continuing Education (1997-2003)

College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Master's Program External Advisory Committee (2000-2004)

School of Public Health, University of Kentucky, Academic Affairs committee (2000-2004)

Kentucky Nurses Association (Numerous Offices including District 2 President 2003-2004)

Kentucky Public Health Association (1990-present) (Conference presenter –numerous)
Public Health Nurse Award 2006

American Public Health Association (1997-present) Nursing Section Committee

University of Alabama (UAB), Steering Committee for Public Health Leadership Development (1992-1997)

Altrusa, International (Professional Association) (1999-present) President-2007-2008
Conference Presentations (International)

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs; Suburban Woman's Club; Women's Health Chairman 2002-2006)

Eastern Kentucky University, Member Masters Public Health Curriculum committee, (2004-2005)

Summary of Qualifications

A wide diversity of health related experience: Forty-nine (49) years of nursing experience in multiple settings including: hospitals, private and public agencies and institutions of higher education (teaching in diploma, associate, baccalaureate, and graduate nursing programs), acute/tertiary nursing practice, and public health nursing practice. Extensive public health leadership and management experience in community assessment, applied research projects, directing and administering federal grants and cooperative agreements, managing surveillance systems, and building learning networks.

