

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae: Professor Esmeralda Ricks

Upon completion of her basic qualifications of General Nursing and Midwifery, Essie commenced her professional career at Livingstone Hospital on the 01 July 1975 where she worked for 2½ years as a professional nurse in the medical wards and OPD. She resigned from Livingstone Hospital at the end of December 1977 to register for a Diploma in Community Nursing Science at the Peninsula Technikon in Cape Town. Upon completing the diploma she accepted a post as a school health nurse at the DoH in Belville in 1979. She later transferred to the DoH in PE and continued working as a school health nurse for 12½ years. During this time she completed a Diploma in Nursing Administration in 1984 and the BCur I et A degree in December 1988. She then accepted a lecturing post at Sharley Cribb Nursing College in January 1991. Whilst working at Sharley Cribb Nursing College, she completed her BCur Hons Degree in 1993. Prof Ricks worked at Sharley Cribb Nursing College for 4 years and then accepted a post at PE Technikon to set up their campus health service which was non-existent at the time. She developed this service into a comprehensive primary health care service. She also started two more PHC services, one at the Second Avenue campus and one on the George Campus. During this time she registered for her Masters degree and completed her degree in 2000. She resigned from PET in 2003 after 8 years of service and joined UPE as an academic. She was the programme manager for the discipline Community Nursing Science and Primary Health care. She graduated with a Doctor Curationis degree in 2008. Since being employed at the university she has been promoted from lecturer to senior lecturer to associate Professor and now full professor. She served one term of office as HoD in the Department of Nursing Science. She has published 20 articles in peer reviewed journals and 8 Book chapters. She has successfully supervised 6 doctoral candidates, 22 masters, 16 individual honours and 6 honours primary group projects. She has also been a host for a post-doctoral student. She was awarded the Emerging Researcher of the year award in 2013. She serves on the LHC College and Lilitha College of Nursing Research Ethics Committees. She also mentors students and staff with regard developing research proposals, conducting and writing up of research studies at LHC College. She is a member of Sigma Teta Tau International and the vice president of the local Tau Lamda Chapter at Large. She also served as the treasurer for the Forum for University Deans in South Africa (FUNDISA) for one term of office and was the

chairperson of the FUNDISA Research Portfolio Committee. For the past three years she has served as a mentor for mentees enrolled for the Women of Worth Programme preparing them for the work environment upon completion of their studies.