

Theresa Letizia

## **Education**

### **1978-1979 Lutheran College of Health Professions**

Diploma from the School of Surgical Technology.

## **Professional Positions**

### **2001-Present University of Saint Francis Department of Surgical Technology (Full Time)**

Provide Surgical Technology student with one on one instruction and support during our clinical sessions (SURG 155 & 175) as well as our lab sessions (SURG 151 & 171).

#### *Duties include but not limited to:*

- Provide instruction and support to students during their clinical sessions.
- Teach basic surgical skills in the ST lab.
- Manage and prepare ST lab for classes.
- Ongoing assessment of lab manual and making the changes necessary to provide a solid base of knowledge for the student learner.
- Prepare students surgical rotation schedule.
- Clinical Evaluations of students.(Bi-Weekly, Mid-Term and Semester End)
- Advise students.
- Participate in University recruitment activities for the School of Health Sciences.
- Member of various university and SOHS committees.
- Develop professional relationships with surgical vendors and local hospitals that encourage donations of supplies and equipment to the University's Department of Surgical Technology
- Arrange hospital orientation and HIPPA training with hospital educational coordinator.
- Continued updates of objectives and activities for SURG 155 & 175
- Ongoing management of student assessing tools used in the clinical setting.
- Assist faculty with program review and accreditation criteria to maintain national accreditation with professional organization
- Faculty representative for Surgical Technology Ambassador's

**2000. University of Saint Francis Surgical Technology Program**

(Part Time)

Provided Surgical Technology students with instruction and support during their clinical sessions.

*Duties included but were not limited to:*

- Clinical evaluations
- Clinical assignments
- Clinical rotations

**2001. Northeast Indiana Urology, P.C.**

Office staff, Surgical Technologist (private scrub), Coordinator of a Urinary Continence Clinic

*Duties included but were not limited to:*

- Educating patients on behavioral changes necessary to regain continence.
- Treatment for UI via biofeedback and electrical stimulation.
- Developed a Preoperative teaching program for men having Radical Prostatectomy surgery
- Patient education for Impotence following prostate surgery.
- Patient care in the office setting.
- Patient charting, surgery scheduling, office treatments and procedures.
- Private scrub in the OR.
- Informational lectures in the Fort Wayne area and surrounding communities concerning urinary incontinence.
- Lectures and presentations at the national level on implementation of programs addressing urinary incontinence.
- Designed patient educational pamphlets.

**1979-1991 Lutheran Hospital**

Staff Surgical Technologist in Lutheran Hospital Surgery Department.

*Duties included but not limited to:*

- Case preparation in the unsterile roll.
- Preparing sterile surgical supplies and equipment for surgical procedures.
- Participates in sterile surgical procedures, handling instruments and equipment.

- Assisting the surgeon during the surgical procedures.
- Preceptor for students and new employees.
- Assisting the circulating nurse in the OR.
- Patient transfers and positioning
- Participated in hospital/department committees.
- Assisted with surgery staff call schedule.

### **University of Saint Francis Department of Surgical Technology**

1998-Present Advisory Board Member

### **Scholarship of Teaching**

Spring 2016- Workshop Development for Surgical Technologist in the community to attend fall workshop targeted for Fall 2016.

2008-2010- Workshop Development- Executive Planning Team: 2010 Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) Symposium

August 2007- Presentation of Assisi Pilgrimage

August 2007- Recruitment Planning Committee for development of workshop “To Err is Human-Patient Care Safety” Provided for healthcare workers, instructors and students.

August 2002- present Department of Surgical Technology Instructor  
Laboratory Component SURG 151  
SURG 171  
Clinical Instructor SURG 155  
SURG 175

February 2002- Teaching In service  
“Application of Urologic Instrumentation”.  
Premier Surgery Center  
Fort Wayne, IN.

1998-2001- Clinical Instructor for the Department of Surgical Technology.  
SURG 265  
SURG 285

1993- Developed a preoperative teaching program for men who were having Radical Prostatectomy Surgery. Topics discussed were: Exercise, diet, skin care, adult padding and impotence.

1991- Hired by Northeast Indiana Urology, P.C. to develop and manage a Urinary Continence Clinic for adults and children through behavioral management, biofeedback and electrical stimulation.

1991- Developed patient education pamphlets for Northeast Indiana Urology. Educational Pamphlets included: Kegel exercise, urge control techniques, diet and fluid intake, intermittent catheterization, indwelling catheter management.

### **Scholarship of Integration**

#### **Professional Presentations**

- Spring 2017      CPR Simulation w SURG 285 and the Nursing Simulation Faculty
- Spring 2017      Nursing Seminar: Sterile Fields in the OR
- Summer 2016     Physician Assistant Program, Operating Room Skills Lab.  
University of Saint Francis
- Spring 2016      Nursing Seminar: Hand Washing and the Surgical Scrub
- Spring 2016      Radiologic Technology “Lost Sponge Scenario”
- June 2010        Workshop Development and Publication for the 2010 Association of  
Franciscan Colleges and Universities Symposium.  
USF  
Fort Wayne, IN.
- February 2010    Brown bag Lunch Presenter- Interdepartmental  
Panel Discussion on Professionalism and Evaluation of the  
Healthcare Student.  
USF  
Fort Wayne, IN.
- May 2008         Assist Elizabeth Slagle with presentation on Surgical Technology  
Certification legislation for Indiana  
Parkview Hospital
- October 2007     Campus Ministry Board-Presentation on Assisi Pilgrimage

September 2007 Town Hall Meeting -Presentation on Assisi Pilgrimage

**Publications:**

AFCU Exectutive Planning Team  
“AFCU Symposium Planning Manual 2010”  
Contributing author  
University of Saint Francis  
June 2010

Surgical Technology Faculty  
Article Topic: “Robotics”  
University of Saint Francis School of Health Sciences Newspaper  
**PULSEPOINTS**, Summer 2009 Issue

Betsy Slagle and Teri Letizia  
Article Topic: “Bariatric Surgery comes to Fort Wayne”  
University of Saint Francis School of Health Sciences Newspaper  
**PULSE POINT**, Summer 2006 Issue

Co-Authored with Karen Kennedy RN, CS, FNP and Douglas Drayer.  
Article Topic: “Incontinence/ Disposable vs. Nondisposable Pads”  
Extended Care Products Newsletter, Vol. 34, Sept/Oct. Issue-1994

Co-Authored with Dr. Christopher Steidle, MD and Karen Kennedy RN, CS, FNP.  
Article Topic: “Behavior Management of Urinary Incontinence”  
Ostomy and Wound Magazine

**Scholarship of Application: Clinical Practice**

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| Sept. 2012   | Focus group for Women’s Health Link of Allen County  |
| 2001-present | (Full Time) Certified Surgical Technologist-Clinical Instructor<br>University of Saint Francis   |
| 1998-2001    | (Part Time) Certified Surgical Technologist - Clinical Instructor<br>University of Saint Francis |
| 1991-2001    | Certified Urologic Technologist- Incontinence Specialist<br>Northeast Indiana Urology, P.C.      |
| 1998.        | Member of the American Allied Urology Association  |

1979-1991 Certified Surgical Technologist  
Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne

### **Mentoring**

Spring 2010 thru 2017 Anthis Health Care Program - Mentored student in the exploration of surgical medicine

June 2015 and 2017 AHEC Summer Camp -students exploring the field of healthcare

June 2010-2014 AHEC Visit day -students exploring the field of healthcare

Summer 2010-2015 Mentoring Surgical Technology students in 4 voluntary study sessions for retention and proficiency of surgical skills.

### **Professional Memberships:**

1998- 2017 University of Saint Francis Department of Surgical Technology  
Advisory Board Member

1998- 2017 Member of the Association of Surgical Technologist

1998- 2017 Voting member of the Indiana State Assembly for Surgical Technologists.

1994-1995 American Board of Urologic Allied Health Professionals.  
Board member that review, recommended and revised certification test questions for National Urologic Certification

### **Honors and Recognition:**

15 years recognition award for certification

2011 Franciscan Values in Action Award

### **Certifications:**

2017-Present Surgical Certification

2013-2017 Surgical Certification Renewal

2009- 2013 Surgical Certification Renewal

2005-2009 Surgical Certification Renewal

1999- 2005 Surgical Certification

1998. Urologic Certification

1991. Surgical Certification

**Continuing Education:**

March 2017- Future in Health Care “Issue in Mental Health”  
*University of Saint Francis*

March 2017- Bad to the Bone: Orthopedic Trauma Workshop  
*Fort Wayne Orthopedics*

February 2017- SANS: Technology Service Training  
*University of Saint Francis*

January 2016- December 2016- AST Continuing Education Articles (12)  
*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

October 2016- USF Employee Development Day  
*University of Saint Francis*

April 2016- “Civil War Medicine”  
Fred Schafer, CST/CFA, OS  
*University of Saint Francis*

March 2016- Future in Health Care “Issue in Mental Health”  
*University of Saint Francis*

January 2015- December 2015- AST Continuing Education Articles (12)  
*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

November 2015- AST Indiana State Assembly meeting  
Two day instructional workshop for Surgical Technologist

*Indianapolis, IN.*

October 2015- Employee Development Day  
*University of Saint Francis*

August 2015- CPR Class  
*University of Saint Francis*

May 12-13, 2015- Association of Surgical Technology Instructors Forum  
National Conference  
*San Antonio, Texas*

March 2015- Future in Healthcare- Affordable Care Act- Dr. Johnathan Walker  
*University of Saint Francis*

February 2015- Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence  
Online presentation and completion of course.  
Title IX, VAWA and Clergy Act for Faculty and Staff  
*University of Saint Francis*

January thru December 2014- AST Continuing Education Articles (12)  
*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

November 2014- Leadership Chat with Dr. Al McGee  
*University of Saint Francis*

October 2014- AST Indiana State Assembly meeting  
Two day instructional workshop for Surgical Technologist  
*Indianapolis, IN.*

October 2014- Employee Development Day  
Catholic Social Teaching- Sr. Anita Holzmer  
Wellness Your Way- Dr. Katie Wiedman  
Student Retention- Admissions Department  
*University of Saint Francis*

May 2014- Pilgrimage to the Mount  
*University of Saint Francis*

May 2014- Parkview Hospital Trauma Symposium  
*Marriot, Ft. Wayne, In.*

January thru December 2013- AST Continuing Education Articles (12)



*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

October 2013- Faculty Development Day  
*University of Saint Francis*

October 2013- AST Indiana State Assembly meeting  
Two day instructional workshop for Surgical Technologist  
*Indianapolis, IN.*

June 2013- CPR Class  
*USF*

May 23-25, 2013- National Conference for the Association of Surgical Technologist/  
*New Orleans, LA.*

February 2013- Intrusive Advising- Webinar  
Mark Milliron  
*University of Saint Francis*

January 2013- Completion of Preventing Sexual Misconduct Training  
*University of Saint Francis*

October 27-28, 2012 AST Indiana State Assembly Meeting  
Two day instructional workshop for Surgical Technologist  
*Indianapolis, IN.*

October 2012- Mammoplasty to treat Macromastia  
AST/CEU Article

October 2012- USF Faculty Development Day  
University of Saint Francis  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

July 2012- Single Site Laparoscopic Total Hysterectomy  
AST/CEU Article

May 2012- Parkview Trauma Symposium  
Parkview Hospital  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

Spring 2012- “God’s Extravagant Love” (Franciscan Formation)  
University of Saint Francis  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

January 2012- Cleaning Up Blackboard In-service

Melissa Rasmaussen  
SOHS Professional/Fish  
University of Saint Francis  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

October 2011- June 2012- AST Continuing Education Articles (9)

*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*  
Surgical Technology Magazine CEU Articles

Fall/Spring Semester 2011- St. Clare Class (Franciscan Formation)

University of Saint Francis  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

August 25, 2011- Town Hall

University of Saint Francis  
*Ft. Wayne, In.*

May 31-June 3, 2011 – Association of Surgical Technology National Conference

*San Francisco, CA.*

October thru December 2010- AST Continuing Education Articles (3)

*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

November 2010- Town Hall

University of Saint Francis  
*Fort Wayne, IN.*

October 2010- USF Faculty Development Day

“Better Teachers, Better Scholars, Better Friends”  
University of Saint Francis  
*Fort Wayne, IN.*

October 2010- Association of Surgical Technology, Indiana State Assembly Meeting

Two day instructional workshop for Surgical Technologist  
*Indianapolis, IN.*

September 2010- Living Healthier-“Power of the Mind”

Dr. Rudy Kachmann, MD  
University of Saint Francis  
*Fort Wayne, IN.*

August thru November 2010- AST Continuing Education Articles (4)

*Association of Surgical Technology Journals*

June 2010- AFCU Symposium

**Scholarship of Service - University Service**

2016-2017- Valuing Employees' Committee  
Wellness Committee, Co- Chair  
Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2015-2016 Valuing Employees' Committee  
Wellness Committee, Co- Chair  
Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2014-2015 Missions and Values  
Wellness Committee, Co- Chair  
Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2013-2014 Missions and Values  
Wellness Committee  
Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2012-2013 Wellness Committee

Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Library Committee (Informational Committee)  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2011-2012 Co- Chair Wellness Committees

Surgical Technology Admissions Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Library Committee (Informational Committee)  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

2010-2011 Campus Ministry Advisory Board

Co-chair Recruitment Committee  
Surgical Technology Advisory Board  
Faculty Forum  
Campus and SOHS Open Houses  
EPA Representative for ST

**Service for the University:**

Summer 2015-2017 Healthcare Summer Camp

Spring 2016-2017 Nursing Seminar

Summer 2016-2017 Interdisciplinary simulation with the PA program on being  
successful as a student in the operating room

Spring 2016 Surgical Career presentation at Wayne Trace High School,

Spring 2014 thru 2016 Organized free Melanoma Screening

Spring 2011 thru 2017 Formula for Life Walk/Run

Spring 2010 thru 2016 SOHS Open House

Spring 2011 thru 2016 Campus Visit Day

Fall 2014 and 2015 Alumni event for Surgical Technologist at Homecoming

Summer 2011 thru 2015 Voluntary study sessions for the Surgical Technology students

December 2011 and 2013 Christmas in the Castle

August 23, 2013 Welcome Weekend at USF and Candle Vigil/Franciscan Values

August 2011 Meet and Greet Incoming Freshman at Doermer

May 2010 Assisted with Baccalaureate Mass

### **Community Service**

Spring 2017 Collection of Supplies for the SPCA

Spring 2014 thru 2016 Free Melanoma Screening

Spring 2016 Monetary collection for the St. Joe Burn Unit

Spring 2016 Honduras Medication Collection for Medical Clinical

Fall 2010-2017 Community Harvest Food Bank Food Collection

Summer 2015 and 2017 AHEC Healthcare Camp

Spring 2011 thru 2017 Formula for Life Walk/Run

January 2014 thru 2017 MLK Day

June 2011- 2014 AHEC Open House

Spring 2011 Walk for Juvenile Diabetes

Spring 2007-2017 Anthis Career Center-Educational Visit

December 2012 and 2014 Christmas Family Adoption Project

October 2012 Focus Group for Women's Health Link

1987-2017 Active member of St. John the Baptist Parish

Past Involvement: Greeter/Usher at weekly masses

Member of the Adult Spiritual Development Committee

- Plan Adult Spiritual Day
- Plan activities for Advent and Lent
- Scripture Study Groups
- Any activities that promote spiritual development in our community.