



### LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION COMMITTEE

#### **Laura Thomas**

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Associate Professor Program Director MSN Nursing Education  
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#### **Major Responsibilities of Current Position:**

I teach graduate level courses both core courses (informatics and research) and education courses. I am responsible for the development and implementation of the nursing education curriculum, engagement with students to facilitate progression through the graduate program and advise students on degree plans. In the DNP program I serve as a project advisor to executive leadership students.

#### **Past and Present Professional Experiences Relevant to Office Being Sought:**

I serve as the co-chair of the Texas Nurses Association/Texas Organization of Nurse Leaders Health Information Technology Committee. I have been part of this committee since 2015 and co-chair for a year. I am involved with two statewide surveys of nurses experience with their clinical information systems through this committee. Other research I'm involved in is the development of the Competency Assessment in Simulation Tool to evaluate student nurses and practicing nurses in their competency with the electronic health record. For the past two years I have served on the ALSN Leadership Succession Committee and would be honored to continue in that role. I serve on school of nursing committees: chair of the Performance Improvement and Evaluation Council-this council is responsible for accreditation data collection and interpretation and the master evaluation plan: Coordinating Council as a representative of programmatic councils and secretary for the past two years.

#### **Bio and Statement of Reasons For Running for an ALSN office:**

My name is Laura Thomas and I am an Associate Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock Texas where I serve as Program Director for the MSN in Nursing Education program. I have taught for 13 years; six and half years in undergraduate and six and a half years in graduate. I am responsible for the admissions, advising and curriculum for the nursing education program. I work with DNP students as a project advisor. Board service I have is with the Texas League of Nursing as the Director of Education. I initiated an annual education event for membership which has continued after I left the board. I served for the past two years on the Leadership Succession Committee for ALSN. I would like to continue to work with ALSN because it is an organization that contributes to the alliance between academia and practice.