**JOHN WHITCOMB, PH.D., R.N., C.C.R.N., F.C.C.M.**

Dr. John Whitcomb has been working in the area of critical care for the last 38 years. For 26 years he served in the United States Navy, 1983-1991 as a Hospital Corpsman then 1991-2009 as a Navy Nurse retiring as a Commander (O-5). He served as the Specialty Advisor to the Surgeon General, Critical Care Nursing and this opportunity gave him great insight into critical care stateside, overseas and in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). He also served as the Trauma Training Officer for the White House Medical Staff. His research has focused on issues within the critical care setting, such as end of life issues, family visitation, and more specifically functional status post cardiac arrest and cardiac arrest outcomes. He has also added the study of delirium in the critical care setting, examining, and identifying the aspects of delirium in the critical care setting using a sleep device to assess sleep cycles in patients who are sedated and ventilated. Further research has been in workforce development, clinical experience of the undergraduate student and the clinical environment in which they practice.

Dr. Whitcomb first came to Clemson as an Assistant Professor in 2009, then earned tenure and became an Associate Professor in 2015 and Professor in 2019. He was appointed and graduated from the President’s Leadership Institute (PLI) in 2019. Dr. Whitcomb has served in various roles in his time at Clemson, most recently as the Director of Undergraduate Programs before being named Interim Director of the School of Nursing in 2022 and Director in 2023. Dr. Whitcomb has served as the Chair of the Scientific Review Committee for the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and currently serves as Chair for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at Clemson University. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) 2007-2010 and the Certification Corporation of AACN 2008-2010. He is a past President of the South Carolina League of Nurses (SCLN). He has also served in the Clemson University Faculty Senate from 2016-2020 then served as President of Faculty Senate 2020-2021. Dr. Whitcomb was selected as a Provost Fellow for 2021-2022. Dr. Whitcomb currently serves on the Board of Directors for Sigma Theta Tau (Sigma) Building Corporation.