



PAULA R. MITCHELL, EDD

Associate Vice President for Instruction & Student Success

1951

Born in Independence, Missouri to Millard Henry and E. Lorene Gates.

1971

Joins the U.S. Army student nurse program.

1973

Receives a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

1976

Receives a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas.

1978

Leaves active duty from the U.S. Army and serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves for 20 years.

1979

Becomes an instructor of nursing at El Paso Community College (EPCC) in Texas.

1983

Is certified in ambulatory women's healthcare from the Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

1985

Serves as acting division chair of health occupations and is appointed Director of Nursing at EPCC.

1989

Co-authors "Nursing Perspectives and Issues."

1991

Selected as evaluator for military programs by the American Council on Education.

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1991

Selected as a site visitor for the CAPTE and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

1996

Receives a Doctor of Education in education administration from New Mexico State University.

1999

Serves Dean of Health Occupations at EPCC and is inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame by the El Paso Commission for Women.

2000

Is Dean Health Career and Technical Ed., Math and Science at the Rio Grande campus of EPCC and Campus Dean of Rio Grande Campus.

2002

Named an Outstanding Alumni by the Department of Education Management and Development of New Mexico State University.

2013

Receives the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Society of Allied Health Professionals.

2014

Receives NISOD Excellence Award.

2016

Elected as National Vice Commander-in-Chief for the military order of the World Wars.

2018

Serves as interim associate vice president for instruction and student success.

2019

Appointed as Associate Vice President Of Instruction And Student Success at EPCC.

A Timeline of Professional Milestones