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Nursing Dean Cynthia Flynn Capers, Ph.D, RN, joined The University of Akron in July of 1997, a time when the nursing discipline was addressing national concerns such as the shortage of clinical nurses and doctorally prepared nursing faculty, as well as the burgeoning aging population requiring gerontology nurse specialists and more.

During Dr. Capers's tenure, these national concerns were strategically addressed by building faculty teams with those who had similar and interrelated expertise to promote scholarship; establishing new academic programs to address the need for B.S.N, M.S.N and Ph.D-prepared nurses;

collaborating with area colleges and regional health care systems for complementary efficiency in addressing mutual goals; increasing student support to realize greater student retention and graduation rates; and hiring professional staff in areas of financial management, computers and online learning, and student support to enhance program effectiveness and college-wide operations.