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## **Faculty Spotlight:**

**Ann Scheve, MS, RN, Clinical Assistant Professor,  
College of Nursing**

This interview series brings you inside the world of the Villanova faculty and explores how their work relates to creating a sustainable future. In this issue we hear from Ann Scheve a Clinical Assistant professor in the College of Nursing.

### **What is your academic background?**

I earned my undergraduate degree at Villanova College of Nursing in 1980. I earned my masters degree in gerontological nursing from Georgetown in 1985.

### **How long have you been teaching at Villanova?**

I started at Villanova as adjunct faculty in 2010, then became full time in 2014. So much has changed, yet the essence of the Villanova has stayed the same; community, caring and encouragement to stretch one's self to excellence!

### **In your own words, how would you define sustainability and why is it important to you?**

The ability (individual and collectively) to support our communities. To be respectful and to maintain a healthy a stewardship of our God-given earthly treasures. Stewardship and being responsible has always been important to me. More recently, I have realized how fragile our communities and earth are and yet how powerful collaboration on a problem can be. Working together, towards a greater good is extraordinary and I hope I can ignite some passion in my students to work towards stewardship of our natural resources and social justice.

### **Do you incorporate sustainability into the courses you teach?**

In our freshmen course, Introduction to Professional Nursing, we teach the students about the UN Sustainable Development Goals that will transform our world. These goals fit nicely into much of the service work we do with the students at the College of Nursing and at Villanova University.

### **If you could create one course out of thin air, what would it be?**

I would create a course on successful aging! My area of expertise is gerontological nursing and I love working with older adults. They have taught me so much! It has always fascinated me how some older adults are so resilient despite numerous diseases, age-related changes, environmental and social losses.

### **What is your favorite outside of the office activity/pastime?**

I love being with my family and friends. We love being outdoors, biking, swimming and hiking together. Each year my family rides in a century bike ride for cancer research at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. I get as excited for this ride as I do for Christmas!