



Dr. Patricia Burkhart received her bachelor's degree in nursing (magna cum laude) from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in nursing from West Virginia University. She returned to the University of Pittsburgh to complete a Ph.D. in parent-child nursing, receiving a doctoral scholar's award for high scholastic achievement and contributions to nursing care of children.

Before coming to UK in 1999, Burkhart taught for 15 years at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va., where she also received an award for outstanding teaching. As an associate professor with tenure in the College of Nursing, she has taught undergraduate parent-child nursing, mentored undergraduate research interns, masters' and doctoral students. She is a full member of the graduate faculty. Dr. Burkhart initiated an undergraduate research internship program in 2002. Research interns are mentored by nursing faculty with funded research. Students say it makes research "come alive" for them. The interns have published articles in peer-reviewed journals, presented papers at national and international conferences, and won awards for their research projects. In January 2007, Burkhart was appointed Director of the Undergraduate Program in the College of Nursing which will double its enrollment of students beginning in the Fall 2007.

Burkhart's research is focuses on testing an intervention to improve children's adherence to asthma self-management. Her work has been published in nursing and medical journals, including *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, *Pediatric Nursing*, *Nursing Clinics of North America*, *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, *Journal of Asthma*, and *International Review of Asthma*. Her award-winning presentations have been given at numerous national and international conferences. She has received research funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research/National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Burkhart is on the board of directors of the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. She was a scientific writer for the World Health Organization report, [*Adherence to Long Term Therapies: Evidence for Action*](#), published in 2003.