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Linda Blakley received her Diploma in Nursing from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing (Springfield, IL) in 1982, BSN from McKendree College (Lebanon, IL) in 2003, and then her MSN in Perinatal Clinical Nurses Specialist from St. Louis University (St. Louis, MO) 2009. She hopes to begin her doctorate in nursing prior to her 50th birthday. She is currently an Instructor of Nursing at St. John's College, a position she has held since January 2009. Linda was a Labor and Delivery staff and charge nurse for 17 years and then a Perinatal Outreach Educator for 8 years. In her role as an Outreach Educator she taught fetal monitoring courses (through AWHONN) as well as neonatal resuscitation provider courses (through AAP). She has taught courses in maternity and pediatrics, as well as introductory medical surgical nursing at St. John's College. She is a member of AWHONN (Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses), STTI (Sigma Theta Tau International), NACNS (National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists) and March of Dimes—conference planning committee 2000-2008. Her research interest is with maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality.