

## Meet The Dean And Directors

Denver School of Nursing is proud of our excellent, well qualified and caring faculty and staff. That quality is reflected in the tremendous wealth of experience in nursing education and academic credentials that are shared by our Deans and Directors.

**Deborah Banik – Ph.D., MPH, RN**  
Dean of Nursing Education Programs



Dr. Deb Swanson Banik has had more than 30 years of leadership experience in healthcare settings both in academia and acute care practice. Those experiences included positions in state and private universities as well as urban and rural healthcare facilities. Dr. Banik's education began with a 3 year Diploma RN program at Trinity School of Nursing in Minot, ND, progressed to a BSN from South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, and a Master's in Public Health from the University of Minnesota. She pursued a PhD from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, where she conducted research focused on stress and its impact on immune function among breast cancer survivors. Dr. Banik believes that professional nurses are often leaders in assisting individuals, their families, communities, and third-world nations to meet their healthcare needs. If you have a desire to be part of a profession that will allow you to utilize your talents, compassion, and time in a manner that is both personally and professionally rewarding, consider becoming a Registered Nurse. It will be your gift to the next generation!

**Vanessa Davis-Warner Ed.D, MS, BS**  
Director of General Education and Online



Dr. Davis-Warner is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor's degree in Adult Education. She earned a Master's degree from Webster University in Human Resource Development, and her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Multiculturalism and Diversity. She has spent the past twelve years in Postsecondary education teaching and serving as an administrator. Dr. Davis-Warner has been an evaluator for the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools "ACICS". In her professional career, Dr. Davis-Warner has experience in a wide range of industries including non-profit work with the American Red Cross and a Financial Service Officer with First Security Bank. As an Independent Consultant, she developed several programs benefitting low-income women through education, and has taught women strategies to assist them with dismantling self-imposed barriers. Her true passion and vocation is in Adult education.