

DR. JENNIFER GADDIS BARBER CLASS OF 2004

Dr. Jennifer Gaddis Barber is a higher education leader and respiratory care educator whose work has strengthened healthcare education and expanded opportunities for students. As Program Director and Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care at Gulf Coast State College, she leads curriculum development, accreditation, clinical education, program advancement, and student achievement. She also develops large-scale interprofessional learning experiences involving more than 500 healthcare students and professionals.

Dr. Barber's influence extends nationally through her service with the Commission on Dental Accreditation, where she serves as a Commissioner representing the public and as a member of the Oral Medicine Review Committee. She has contributed to major Elsevier respiratory care textbooks and holds advanced degrees in higher education leadership, curriculum and instruction, and respiratory care, along with credentials as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and Adult Critical Care Specialist. A lifelong learner and mentor, Dr. Barber measures her success by the students and professionals she has taught, encouraged, and prepared to serve their patients and communities with excellence.