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Dr. Hawkins completed her BSN at the University of South Carolina and her MSN at the Medical University of South Carolina. She graduated with her PhD in Nursing Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is currently a Clinical Associate Professor at Old Dominion University where she is the Director of Community and Global Initiatives for the School of Nursing. In this capacity, she facilitates, develops, and coordinates multiple programs to promote health and engage in local and international communities. She teaches an online global health course and leads annual study abroad programs for health science majors. She also serves as the undergraduate departmental advisor and the Student Nurses Association faculty advisor.

Dr. Hawkins is an experienced global and community health educator, leader and grassroots activist. She has led or participated in multiple short-term medical missions and study abroad programs to locations including El Salvador, Haiti, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ghana, and Ireland. On a national level, she is a United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign state leader for Virginia. In this position, she actively advocates for global access to life saving vaccines and mentors others to do the same.

Dr. Hawkins is a retired Army Nurse and veteran of Operation Desert Storm assigned to King Khalid Military City in Saudi Arabia. Her nursing background and travels all over the world have led to a greater awareness of global health issues and the need to develop nursing leaders to improve health everywhere. On a personal note, she is married to a Navy Nurse and lives in Chesapeake, Virginia. They have four children, three grandchildren and one miniature dachshund.