

Fran Cleland Bio

Dr. Fran Cleland is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology at West Chester University in West Chester, PA. She has been teaching at WCU for twenty-three years and is also the Assistant Chair of the Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification Division. Fran also taught at the University of New Hampshire and East Stroudsburg University (PA). Prior to teaching at the college level, Fran taught K-12 health and physical education in Indiana, Virginia and Oregon. "Dr. C" has received numerous state, district and national awards including the PSAHPERD Elmer B. Cottrell award and the national SHAPE America Honor award. Most recently she was inducted into the North American Society of HPERSD Professionals. Dr. Cleland is the current President of SHAPE America. Dr. Cleland also served on the SHAPE America Board of Directors from 2012-2015, she is a Past-President of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and served on the Council of Physical Education for Children (COPEC). She also served as President of the PSAHPERD and has held several offices on the NHAHPERD, PSAHPERD and Eastern District of SHAPE America Boards. "Dr. C's" research has focused on implementing critical thinking in K-12 physical education. She is the lead author of the textbook, *Developmental Physical Education for All Children – Theory into Practice*. Fran is married to a health and physical educator and has five grandchildren. She loves to move and her special interests are modern dance, biking, tennis, gardening, cross-country skiing, hiking and swimming.