



### **Karen G. Allen**

2005-2008 Basil L. King Endowed Teaching Chair in Health Science

As the recipient of the Basil L. King Endowed Teaching Chair in Health Science, **Karen Allen**, gave the Dental Assisting Program an Extreme Makeover by remodeling the program to meet industry needs. She expanded the technology by converting the paper record-keeping process to a digital data management system. She provided online courses for didactic areas in the Dental Assisting Program to meet the needs of those who are already in the industry, but not certified, or others needing flexible scheduling. She also made the following courses available online: Preclinical Orientation, Introduction to Clinical Procedures, Radiography and Dental Office Management.

Employed at IRSC since 1977, Allen maintained national certification in Dental Assisting for more than 30 years, specializing in Infection Control, Chairside Assisting and Radiography. In her 28 years of employment at IRSC, the Dental Assisting Program maintained full accreditation. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Allied Health Technology-Dental Assisting from Baptist College in Charleston, South Carolina and a Master's degree in Community College Curriculum and Development from Florida Atlantic University.