

Deborah Reed, PhD, RN, FAAOHN, FAAN



Dr. Debbie Reed grew up on family farm in Kentucky just a few miles from where she works at the University of Kentucky. She received her first nursing degree (BSN) from the University of Kentucky in 1974, her MSN and MSPH in 1993 and her PhD in 1996. She currently holds the Good Samaritan Endowed Chair in Community Health Nursing at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. She is also Kentucky's official agricultural health nurse in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, a position that provides ample opportunity for translating research to practice.

For the past 27 years Dr. Reed has worked with farm families throughout the nation to promote their health and prevent the many injuries that are so common in this occupation. She has developed and tested health education programs for children and youth on farms, and has just released a novel intervention, Didactic Readers Theater, for the adult farmer population, a program that was recently designated as an Edge Runner by the American Academy of Nursing. She has been the PI on five R01 grants through CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, as well as a multitude of smaller grants. Dr. Reed is internationally known for her research with agricultural populations and she is as much at ease on the farm as she is in a classroom. Her favorite work outfit includes jeans and boots.

Dr. Reed was inducted into the Academy in 2015.