## Faculty Spotlight Series:

## 5 questions with Leigh Pate.

- 1. What is your role at USC Lancaster, and how long have you worked here? I am a Clinical Instructor for the College of Nursing where I teach sophomore, junior, and senior nursing students. I also serve as a Family Nurse Practitioner one day a week at a free clinic in Camden, SC. I have been with USC for almost three years.
- 2. Where did you go to college, and what attracted you to the education field? I attended Winthrop University for a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management. I then obtained my BSN and MSN from USC. I will complete my DNP in May 2018. I loved taking care of patients but I knew while enrolled in my BSN classes that my dream job would be to teach nursing. I loved the interaction with wonderful professors and advisors who always pushed me and made learning fun.
- **3. What is your favorite thing about USC Lancaster?** USC Lancaster is a wonderful community of colleagues who promote education in a family-style environment. I like watching students get involved with faculty in research, partnerships, and organizations to grow in leadership together.



- **4. What are your hobbies/interests?** I enjoy being by the water--- water skiing, scuba diving, or boating. Anytime spent with family or friends is time well spent.
- **5.** What advice would you give current students or prospective students? I would encourage students who are deciding where to attend college to get to know a few students currently enrolled on campus. Interview a student who shares your same interests and ask them why they love USC Lancaster. The world is run by those who show up!



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