Jan Smitherman (RN '89 and BSN '16)



A long-time nurse in Tallahassee and the Big Bend, Jan Smitherman earned an RN and BSN from TCC. Shortly before RN graduation, Jan began working at Capital Health Plan (CHP) in the Urgent Care department. She was soon promoted to a charge nurse in the department and eventually to the Urgent Care Director position, a role she has had for the past 20 years. She was part of the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Implementation team to convert to electronic charting in the early 2000s.

She was also critical in the planning and organization of a new location for the Urgent Care department - the new Metro Center. Like all healthcare workers globally, Jan's leadership skills were put to the test during the COVID-19 pandemic. She quickly helped to establish protocols to meet patient needs while caring for the health and well-being of clinical staff.

While Jan will always say her three beautiful daughters are the best thing that she has ever accomplished, nursing comes as a close second. She is so thankful for the training and support she has received from TCC over the course of her career. After nearly 50 years in nursing, Jan retired just this week!