

Karen Wilson has been a nurse for over 40 years and currently is a faculty member at Joyce University. Known for promoting evidence-based, patient-centered care, Karen became a tobacco treatment specialist to better support her lung cancer patients, completing advanced training through the University of Kentucky, Sloan Kettering, and the American Lung Association. Her work has been recognized with the 2022 Outstanding Advocate and Educator Award from the Colorado Cancer Coalition and the 2024 and 2026 Clinical Excellence in Acute Care from the Colorado Nurses Foundation for developing AdventHealth Parker's Firefight Lung Cancer Screening Program and their free wig program. She recently graduated with her Doctorate in Nursing from Colorado State University Pueblo, focusing her doctoral project on implementing the 5A process into oncology care. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling with her two daughters.