

# I am The **ROCK**

## Debra Wolf

**Job:** Associate professor of nursing. I teach 'Healthcare Informatics,' 'Delivery of Nursing Care in a Managed Care Environment' and 'School Nurse Certification.' In addition, I am a preceptor for several SRU students completing internships in healthcare informatics.

**Joined SRU:** Fall 2008.

**Background:** I have more than 30 years of progressive growth as a nursing professional scholar and leader within acute healthcare organizations, health systems and academic settings. I have presented nationally and internationally, including in Finland and China.

**Interests:** My program of research focuses on nurses impacting patient outcomes using a patient-centered model of care. I have published multiple times. I love the outdoors, road/trail biking and running. Last fall, I biked from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. What an adventure.

**Last book read:** 'The Tipping Point' by Malcom Gladwell.

**Why I work at The Rock:** My passion for healthcare informatics and technology in general are two of the three main reasons why I work at SRU. The most influential factor that attracted me to SRU was the nursing department chair and the outstanding faculty. Their energy and enthusiasm for nursing was exceptional during my interview. Having the ability to share my expertise and integrate experiences into an educational program for nursing students was a driving force that confirmed my decision to transition to academia full time.