



Letha Barnes – NACCAS Academic Commissioner

Ms. Barnes served as Director of the Career Institute, the seminar and consulting division of Cengage Learning from 2000 through 2008. She is the former owner of three cosmetology schools and served as Vice President of Education for 32 schools in five states, supervising a faculty of approximately two-hundred. In addition, she served as accreditation compliance officer for the company. Her vast experience includes holding such positions as President of the American Association of Cosmetology Schools, Chairman of Cosmetology Educators of America, Chairman of the New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists for 10 years and First Vice Chairman of the National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. Before being appointed and then elected to the current Academic Commissioner position, Ms. Barnes re-designed and has taught the NACCAS accreditation workshops since January 2008. In addition, she served on the NACCAS Advisory Committee to Standards and Policies before rejoining the Commission in January of 2009.

Letha is an accomplished author in curriculum development and education, having written the comprehensive Course Management Guides that accompany *Milady's Standard Cosmetology*, 2000, 2004, and 2008 editions. She also authored *Milady's Standard Study Guide, The Essential Companion*, 2002, 2004, and 2008 editions. She is a contributing author to *Milady's Standard Cosmetology*, 2004 and 2008 editions. She also authored the first and second editions of *Milady's Master Educator* which focuses on student-centered, discovery-oriented learning and serves as the source of the Master Educator certification seminars. As President of her own company, Training, Education and Management, Inc. (TEAM, Inc.) she is responsible for writing and developing educational programs, training and developing post-secondary educators, teaching workshops and seminars, facilitating corporate retreats, and providing school training in curriculum development, administrative responsibilities, staff development, and more. She is well known in the United States and Canada for her motivational skills and enthusiastic approach to facilitating and presenting.