

DR. ELIZABETH BURCHETTE THOMPSON

DEAN, SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Elizabeth Burchette Thompson is the Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences. Dr. Thompson joined the Lincoln Memorial University faculty in August 2009 as an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Science. Prior to her employment at LMU, Dr. Thompson enjoyed a successful career as a small animal veterinarian, first in a busy urban after-hours emergency clinic and later in a rural mixed animal practice. Dr. Thompson attended LMU from 1992 – 1994 as a chemistry major. She earned her DVM from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 1998 and an EdD in Higher Education in 2019 from LMU. Her research interests include identification of academic markers related to success on licensure examinations and the design of formative assessments that positively contribute to summative exam success.

Dr. Thompson serves as a member of the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (2016-2021), assisting with oversight of rules and laws pertaining to veterinary practice standards within the state. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AMVA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA), representing Faculties of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. As a member of the AVMA CVTEA, Dr. Thompson is responsible for leading accreditation site visits, reviewing program reports and contributing to the overall improvement of veterinary technology education. She is currently a member of the AVMA CVTEA Executive Committee and serves as the Chair of the Equipment and Skills Evaluation (EASE) subcommittee. Her appointment is effective until 2023.

From 2014-2015, Dr. Thompson served as the Attending Veterinarian for the University, providing veterinary medical oversight for all teaching and research animal related activities. As the Attending Veterinarian, Dr. Thompson completed veterinary reviews for all IACUC teaching and research protocols and served as a voting member of the IACUC. During her tenure as Attending Veterinarian, Dr. Thompson consulted with LMU CVM administrators on key design elements of all animal housing facilities at the DeBusk Veterinary Teaching Center.

As the Chair of the Veterinary Health Science and Technology Department (2013-2015), Dr. Thompson assisted with a number of curricular changes and facility improvements within the Veterinary Health Science and Technology Department.

Dr. Thompson's service interests focus on providing veterinary care to pets owned by individuals in the greater tri-state area. She volunteers with Remote Area Medical (RAM), serving as the Volunteer Medical Supervisor for RAM spay/neuter clinics held on LMU's main campus.

Dr. Thompson resides in Tazewell, TN with her husband Todd and children Grant and Avery.