

Felicia Ryerson

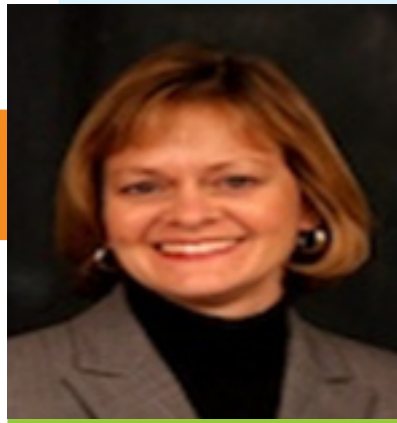
Chief Learning Officer, FLVS

Helping new teachers and staff adopt the core values of the Florida Virtual School is the primary responsibility of Chief Learning Officer, Felicia Ryerson. In 1998, Ms. Ryerson had completed 11 years as a classroom teacher, before joining Florida Virtual School. During her career as a classroom teacher, Felicia was distinguished as her school's Teacher of the Year and as an Exxon Math Specialist responsible for innovating Math instruction in her district.

Since joining the team at FLVS, Felicia has had opportunities to work in a various positions at a variety of levels. The experiences of working on the front lines as a customer care representative, serving as a proctored test coordinator, traveling across the state as a regional coordinator and eventually being charged with creating the FLVS Professional Learning department has given Felicia a broad understanding of the organization. Felicia has grown with the organization and learned a great deal from the exciting journey. The culture of the organization is deeply imbedded. As a high achiever, her desire is to always learn and grow. Her strength of "Maximizer" fuels her devotion to developing herself and others.

Although her positions at FLVS have taken her out of the classroom, her passion to teach others is still the same. As the Chief Learning Officer, Felicia believes in the goals of The National Staff Development Council-Learning Forward to "build knowledge, develop skills, transform practice, challenge attitudes and beliefs, and inspire action" with the ultimate goal of promoting higher student achievement. She is passionate about the Florida Virtual School's student-centered approach to instruction and about working with a team of professionals who seek to answer the needs of individuals. Felicia strives to build engaging experiences which allow individuals to construct personal meaning from their learning and transfer that knowledge into authentic practice.

Ms. Ryerson was raised in Winter Park, Florida and is a proud graduate of the University of Central Florida. From the beginning of her career, teaching has always been and remains her ambition and passion.



"Fun Felicia Facts"

What is your favorite movie? I enjoy many types of movies. Two of my favorites are, "The Notebook" and "Shawshank Redemption." As a child, my favorite movie was "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. My real love, however, is a good Broadway musical! All-time favorite musical has to be "Les Miserables."

What is your pet peeve? Listening to people who always see the glass as "half empty" rather than "half full." If we look hard enough, we can find positives in almost every situation.

What is your all-time favorite thing? Spending time with my husband and three children. My children were all athletes so I loved spending time watching their athletic events. Now that they are older, I just love having fun as a family!

If you could be a superhero, what would your power be? The ability to heal the sick.

If you could try one new thing tomorrow, regardless of cost, what would you try? I would want to travel to places I have never been before. I would definitely like to go to Alaska, Denmark and Africa.