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MaryAnn has been employed at Heartland Area Education Agency for 30 years. She is a special education nurse consultant for the 53 public districts and 39 private schools located in central Iowa. She engages in health evaluation, eligibility determination, program development, and reevaluation for students ages 3 through 21 years with special health needs. She was a trainer for Section 504 school compliance for many years.

MaryAnn is a member of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nurses. She has presented sessions at NASN National Conference, Special Needs School Nurses (SNSN) Special Interest Group (SIG), multiple state school nurse conferences, and many Iowa nursing conferences. MaryAnn has published chapters in 3 editions of the Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) book for Sunrise River Press. She has written many peer-reviewed articles for nursing journals, including Journal of School Health, Journal of School Nursing, and NASN School Nurse. MaryAnn finished a 4-year term in 2022 as a member of the Iowa Board of Directors for NASN, serving on its education and professional practice document advisory committees. She is currently co-chair of the special needs school nurse special interest group for NASN. She is serving a 2-year term on the editorial panel for NASN School Nurse journal.