

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: WILLIAM A. MONACO, O.D., MEd, PH.D.

Dr. Monaco served twenty years in the U.S. military. He has extensive clinical experience, and served as the Director of Aerospace Vision Research, and Director of Clinical Investigation and Research for the largest US Navy eastern residency training program.

After military service, Dr. Monaco was appointed the Research Director for the Heart and Lung Center of Excellence at St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL. He then moved on to become the Dean, Northeastern State University, College of Optometry, Tahlequah, OK. After a successful term as dean, Dr. Monaco was appointed the Director, Optometry Service, Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC

After many years of government service, Dr. Monaco returned to private clinical practice, where he specialized in Nursing Home Eye Care, in Newark, DE. During his private practice years, he was asked to return to academia, where he was appointed Program Development Director, Salus University, Philadelphia, PA- and was responsible for program development of 4 major programs, including Masters in Public Health, PhD Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Vision Rehabilitation and Training. Dr. Monaco completed his affiliation with Salus as the Associate Dean of the Biomedicine Program and Associate Director of the MPH program.

Awards:

Diplomate, Public Health, American Academy of Optometry

National Academies of Practice Distinguished Fellow

Orion Award for Lifetime Contributions to Armed Forces Optometry

Citation of Congratulations Oklahoma Legislature

Certificate of Special Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives

Louis Gorin Award for Outstanding Achievement in Rural Health

Currently:

International educational consulting and lecturing at Qassim University in Saudi Arabia, where Dr. Monaco has been asked to do guest lectures on a broad array of topics and to work with their administration to help them attain accreditation status.

Courtesy Professor at the School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Research Clinician at the James Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL. Studies include early detection and treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury

Teaching at Salus University PhD Program include Public Health Aging, Seminar Teaching and Learning, and grant budget preparation.

Areas of Special Interest:

Inter-professional health programs in special needs populations, particularly the elderly and nursing home care.