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Dr. Cecilia Rokusek has had a 30-year career in higher education. During that time, she has distinguished herself as an outstanding teacher, scholar, and administrator. As a Regent's Scholar at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Dr. Rokusek completed graduate studies in human nutrition under the guidance of world-renowned researcher Dr. Hazel Fox.

In 1982, Dr. Rokusek joined the faculty at the University of South Dakota in the Department of Family Medicine. After completing her doctorate in higher education administration in 1983, Dr. Rokusek was named to a key administrative position in the School of Medicine in South Dakota.

She served as executive director for the Center for Developmental Disabilities and assistant vice president for health affairs. In 1993, she assumed her first deanship in nursing and health professions. She was among the early deans at Florida's newest university in 1999—Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

Dr. Rokusek worked at that institution for almost seven years before moving back to the Midwest to become dean of education at one of Minnesota's top universities, Winona State University.

As one of the early architects of the Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness at Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Rokusek has returned to Florida to manage the center and help lead the team in its visioning for the future.