

## A sense of place found at Narrow Ridge

On a quest for the relationship between earth literacy and bioethics, Miami Dade College nursing students and Dr. Petrozella explored a special place called Narrow Ridge for answers. The relationship is now known to be best understood when experienced, not answered.

We grounded in the morning, gardened, hiked, and read in the afternoons and watched films in the evening, followed by discussion and conceptual exercises about ethics throughout. We reached communion within our group and environment.

We saw sites of environmental destruction, learned of unethical medical practices in TN, and methods of eco construction used at Narrow Ridge. We learned how environmental stewardship relates to the nursing theory of caring and principles of earth literacy. Exploring these concepts one can understand that caring does not begin and end with humans, but encompasses the earth and doing the least harm to all beings. Experiencing the answers we sought were life changing to say the least.