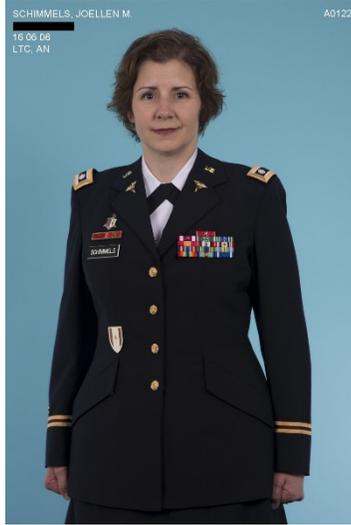


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Prior to her current assignment as Assistant Professor in the PMHNP program, LTC Schimmels served as Special Staff to the Army Surgeon General in the Commanders Initiative Group and prior to that, came from a RAND fellowship working on military readiness and behavioral health projects.

She is a doctoral prepared, dually certified psychiatric/mental health and adult nurse practitioner and has been active duty in the Army for over 18 years, and has held numerous nursing and leadership positions with the Army Nurse Corps Medical Director of the Intensive Outpatient and Residential Services at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, Clinical Operations Officer in Charge of the 254th Combat and Operational Stress Control Unit in Afghanistan and Chief of Community Behavioral Health Services at Fort Gordon, GA.

She is also the Consultant to the Surgeon General for behavioral health nursing. She earned a B.S. in nursing from Viterbo University, an M.S. in nursing from Duquesne University; post master's certificates in psychiatric and adult medical nurse practitioner from the University of Wisconsin, and a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Texas Christian University. Clinically, she has worked primarily with behavioral health patients in the behavioral health and family practice settings and is trained in a number of evidence based practices. She is a certified Zumba instructor and enjoys running, scrapbooking, and doing anything and everything with her two year old daughter.