

## **Professor Lindiwe Zungu**

Lindiwe was born in 1971 in KwaZulu-Natal by the late Mr and Mrs Mngomezulu. She comes from a family of 5 and she is the second child. She spent all her childhood life in KZN, received her basic education in local township schools and tertiary education in local universities in KZN, until she relocated to Gauteng in 2003. Her personal philosophy is that – “Life is all about choices – become what you think about yourself and success is not final, rather it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Lindiwe Zungu obtained her PhD in Occupational Health Nursing from the University of Zululand in 2003. She further received advanced training in programme planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation from an occupational health management perspective at the University of Michigan. She obtained a US scholarship to attend a Post Graduate Diploma in International Research Ethics at the University of Cape Town in 2009.

Her initial work experience involved working as an occupational health nurse practitioner in several manufacturing industries. She began her academic career in April 2005 as a lecturer at the University of Limpopo (Medunsa campus), and in 2010 she was promoted to full professorship. She is one of those young Black female academics at Unisa who are challenging tradition by conducting applied research and publishing it in local and international reputable journals.

Her research interests are in health, safety and wellness promotion in the workplace, which is in line with the International Labour Organization to promote “*decent work for all workers in all occupations.*”

Prof Zungu has presented numerous academic papers and lectures at national and international conferences, and has published several scientific papers in local and international peer-reviewed journals.

She served as an associate editor for an International scientific journal wherein she also contributed a paper. She currently is an advisory board member for Becton Dickinson Medical Surgical supplies and a member of the advisory panel for social sciences for the National Research Foundation, since 2009. She is also a grant holder and a principal investigator for three independent research projects commissioned by the Mine Health and Safety Council and the Medical Research Council since 2008.

She is also a reviewer for several local and international scientific journals and a reviewer for several book chapters for a revised handbook on occupational health nursing. She is also a co author of a recently published peer-reviewed community health nursing textbook, and has contributed 9 chapters.