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Since beginning her career at CDC in 1987 as an Instructional Designer, she has designed and developed quality training for public health and health care professionals, beginning with computer-based training and has broadened her focus to include maximizing CDC's use of the web as an instructional tool to meet public health training and continuing education needs. In 1993, she co-created "Investigating an Outbreak: Pharyngitis in Louisiana," an award-winning, computer-based epidemiologic case study designed to teach outbreak investigation skills that is still in demand.

Dr. Gathany received her MEd in instructional technology from the University of Georgia and her PhD in education, with distinction, from Capella University. For her doctoral dissertation, she used a multiple case study design to conduct a qualitative investigation of instructional strategy selection for accessible e-learning.