Dr. Hartwig wrote the curriculum and hired the first professors. She guided it through accreditation in 1993. Lynn served as committee chair and in many other roles for the American Public Health Association, the Mississippi Public Health Association and was a frequent advisor to the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Off-campus, Dr. Hartwig served as a ruling elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church where she co-founded The Breadbasket, an ecumenical food pantry. She also helped to create the Pine Belt Immunization Coalition to increase the rate of immunization among children.

In February of 1996, the Sales and Marketing Executives of Hattiesburg honored her with their Executive of the Year Award. The week after her death, she was honored posthumously by the South Central Mississippi Bar Association with a Liberty Bell award for her contributions to Forrest County. Hattiesburg Clinic, where her husband, Dr. Geoffrey Hartwig, practiced medicine, held a golf tournament in her honor for a number of years to raise funds for scholarships for health science students, and endowed a scholarship in her name at The University of Southern Mississippi.

It is the desire of Dr. Geoffrey Hartwig, his wife Dr. Marcia Hartwig and their family to secure a lasting tribute Lynn by naming the Public Health program her name.