

## The Queen's Medical Center Becomes a Watson Caring Science Institute Affiliate

Boulder, CO - April 2022 - [Watson Caring Science Institute](#) (WCSI) and [Dr. Jean Watson](#) are proud to announce that [The Queen's Medical Center](#), Honolulu, Hawaii has been named a [National Caring Science Affiliate System](#) of WCSI. The designation recognizes The Queen's Medical Center's exemplary integration of Human Caring Theory, and leadership commitment to offering informed Caring Science practices, to their patients, their families, and their system.



Kelly Johnson, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, and CNO said “Queens Medical Center adopted the Theory of Human Caring as the theoretical foundation for the professional nursing practice model decades ago...” She went on to say, “This theory is a beautiful compliment to the Aloha Spirit and the betterment of the world, that is foundational to Hawaiian culture. The journey continues on our Caritas Consciousness Journey through our affiliation with the Watson Caring Science Institute.”



Jean Watson Director and Founder of WCSI said, “Queens Medical Center has shown their commitment towards authentic, deep-rooted and sustainable Caring Science. We are thrilled to welcome the organization as a National Caring Science System.”

To become a National Caring Science Affiliate System, The Queen's Medical Center has demonstrated to WCSI the authentically, deep-rooted, and sustainable commitment to integrating Caring Science to transform and broaden whole-person health and healing for its staff, patients, families, and the surrounding community.

### About The Queen's Medical Center, HI



[The Queen's Medical Center](#) is the largest private hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, licensed to operate with 575 acute care beds. With 3,600 employees—including 1,160 nurses and over 1,100 physicians on staff—it is also one of Hawaii's

largest employers. Queen's is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and affiliated with the Voluntary Hospitals of America (VHA). The medical

center is also approved to participate in residency training by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

In 2009, The Queen's Medical Center achieved Magnet status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Magnet recognition is held by six percent of hospitals in the United States. Queen's is the first hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet status. The Queen's Medical Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. For more information, visit [www.queens.org](http://www.queens.org).

### **About Watson Caring Science Institute**



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The [Watson Caring Science Institute](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org) (WCSI) is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories, and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science. It was founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), who serves as founder and director. Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership, and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments. Currently, there are over 400 hospitals throughout the USA with many other partner healthcare systems globally using [Caring Science and Human Caring Theory](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org); there are now over 400 trained practitioner leaders, or Caritas Coaches®, worldwide. Texts on 'Watson's Theory of Caring' are taught in universities worldwide and translated into over seven languages. To become a National Caring Science System™ of WCSI, an organization must demonstrate specific criteria related to authentic human caring-healing practices for its whole community. For more information, please visit [watsoncaringscience.org](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org).

### **About Jean Watson**

[Dr. Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL \(AAN\)](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org) is a Distinguished Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of the University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing, where she held the Endowed Chair in Caring Science at the University of Colorado, Denver and Health Sciences Center. She is the founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado and an American Academy of Nursing Fellow. Watson also is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the National Fetzner Institute Norman Cousins Award, an International Kellogg Fellowship in Australia, a Fulbright Research and Lecture Award in Sweden, and six internationals. She held the nation's first endowed chair in Caring Science for 16-years; holds fifteen (15) Honorary Doctoral Degrees, including twelve (12) International Honorary Doctorates. Her work is studied and implemented worldwide. She is a

widely published author and recipient of many awards and honors in the Science of Human Caring™, including the classic: [Nursing: The Philosophy and Science of Caring](#), which identifies the 10 core [Caritas Processes®](#), universals of human caring, necessary for studying and implementing a model of Caring Science in practice. This work restores the deep-spiritual dimensions of Love with caring-healing as the foundation for preparing a new level of practitioners in Caring Science/Caring Healthcare. In October 2013, Dr. Watson was inducted as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, its highest honor.

**Primary Field:** Philosophy - Theory of Human Caring Nursing; Unitary Human Caring Science

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