



Announcement from the Office of the  
Chief Nurse Executive & SVP of Patient Care Services

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Dear Colleagues,

Grissel Hernandez, Ph.D, MPH, RN, HNR-BC, NPD-BC, SGAHN, will assume the role of Vice President of Professional Development, Research, and Magnet Program. This new professional role integrates the Center of Education and Professional Development (CEPD), the Office of Research Patient Care Services (ORPCS) and our ANCC Magnet Program.

Under Dr. Hernandez's leadership, the American Nurses Credentialing Center recognized the team with the Premier Award in both 2022 and 2024 for the deep integration of Watson Caring Science into Stanford's education and professional development. Dr. Hernandez is on the Board of Directors for the Nightingale Innovation and Solutions. Dr. Hernandez has also served as the Chair of the Stanford Health Care LatinX & Allies Employee Resource Group. She is the President-Elect for Stanford Medicine's Sigma Chapter, the Nursing Honor Society. In addition, she is a board member of the International Association for Human Caring and President-Elect for the Watson Caring Science Institute. Dr. Hernandez was also an American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Pathway to Excellence Program Appraiser and Accreditation Program Appraiser. Before joining SHC in 2013, Dr. Hernandez served in various leadership roles, including Director of Nursing Professional Practice and Caring Science Integration at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dr. Hernandez has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare and Spanish from the University of California-Berkeley in Berkeley, California, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a Master of Public Health from the University of California-Los Angeles, in Los Angeles, California, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from the University of Colorado in Aurora, Colorado. She has also completed a post-doctorate at the Watson Caring Science Institute under Dr. Jean Watson. Dr. Hernandez is also a certified Watson Caring Science Caritas Coach.

Please join me in recognizing and celebrating Dr. Michelle Y. Williams and Dr. Hernandez in their new leadership roles.

Sincerely,

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Chief Nurse Executive & SVP of Patient Care Services