

Watson Caring Science Institute Announces New Academic Affiliate: *Global Alliance for Human Caring Education*

Deerfield Beach, FL — December 2025 – The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is proud to announce that the *Global Alliance for Human Caring Education (GAHCE)*, based in Victoria, Canada, has officially been awarded **Global Academic Affiliate status** from WCSI, marking a significant milestone in its international work to advance Caring Science in nursing education.

Founded in 2017, **GAHCE** began as a fully voluntary, multilingual virtual network supporting nurse educators seeking to integrate Caring Science into curricula around the world. The organization has brought and continues to bring together English and French speaking educators to exchange knowledge, share resources, and strengthen the ethical, theoretical, and philosophical foundations of nursing education.



Dr. Marcia Hills & Dr. Jean Watson

“We are thrilled to deepen our partnership with the Watson Caring Science Institute,” said **Marcia Hills, RN. PhD, FAAN, FCAN, FCNEI, President Global Alliance for Human Caring Education (GAHCE)**. *“This affiliation strengthens the global movement toward humanized, compassionate nursing education and supports our commitment to providing accessible, multilingual, inclusive learning environments for educators everywhere.”*

GAHCE is launching a series of ambitious initiatives aligned with WCSI’s mission and global Caritas community, including:

- **A three-module Caring Science Nursing Education Program**, featuring asynchronous online courses on foundational pedagogy, curriculum development, and design. Estimated launch: April 2026.
- **Live Zoom series**, offering dialogue, mentorship, and shared problem-solving for nurse educators worldwide.
- **Co-hosted international events with WCSI**, including conferences, webinars, podcasts, and scholarly exchanges.
- **The creation of an Indigenous and culturally inclusive education track**, designed with Indigenous educators and student input, along with a best-practices publication planned for release in 2028.
- **Growth of the global educator community**, targeting 200 active participants and increasing year-over-year engagement across all activities.

“This new affiliation with WCSI reflects a shared vision for a more compassionate global healthcare landscape—one where caring is central to teaching, practice, research, and leadership.” said **Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), Founder/Director WCSI.**

Through these efforts, **GAHCE** aims to strengthen Caring Science pedagogy across diverse health and education systems, ensuring students and practitioners alike experience education grounded in relational, humanistic, culturally informed approaches.

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About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI)

The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is an international nonprofit founded by Dr. Jean Watson to advance the philosophy, science, and practice of human caring. WCSI partners with healthcare and academic institutions worldwide to cultivate cultures of compassion grounded in Caritas processes and Caring Science theory.

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