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FAU Nursing Named Lead Caring Science Academic Affiliate of the Watson Caring Science Institute

Designation Snapshot: The Watson Caring Science Institute has designated FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing as its Lead Caring Science Academic Affiliate, recognizing the college's four-decade legacy and global leadership in advancing caring science in nursing education, practice, research and theory. Home to renowned nursing theorists and the Archives of Caring in Nursing, the college has long grounded its work in human caring, ethical ideals, and holistic knowing, positioning it as a global beacon for the profession.

This partnership reflects a shared vision to elevate caring science worldwide through collaborative education, scholarship, and global engagement. Planned initiatives include continuing education offerings, national and international events, expanded faculty and student involvement, and the advancement of caring science scholarship – strengthening its role as a unifying framework for the future of nursing.

BOCA RATON, Fla. (Feb. 4, 2026) – [Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing](#) has been officially designated a Lead Caring Science Academic Affiliate by the Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI), for its distinguished legacy and global leadership in advancing caring science within nursing education, practice research and theory development.

The WCSI is an international nonprofit founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., and dedicated to advancing human caring through education, research and global partnerships. WCSI supports health care organizations in building cultures rooted in compassion, dignity and authentic human connection.

“Caring science is the foundation of nursing education, research and practice at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing,” said [Cameron Duncan](#), PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, Holli Rockwell Trubinsky Eminent Dean of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. “This collaboration with the Watson Caring Science Institute allows us to extend that work through shared scholarship, education and global engagement.”

This historic designation affirms the longstanding contributions of FAU's College of Nursing's faculty, scholars and leaders who have spent more than four decades grounding education and practice in human caring, ethical ideals and holistic knowing. As the academic home to several grand and middle-range theorists and the Archives of Caring in Nursing, FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing stands uniquely positioned to uplift caring science as the foundation of professional nursing worldwide.

“The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing has the recipe for leading the way in nurse education,” said [Jean Watson](#), PHD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN). “Designating the college as our Lead Caring Science Academic Affiliate reflects a shared vision that will elevate caring science globally and provide a model for how nursing education can honor the core of our profession. Many educators are hungry for an authentic vision they can point toward. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is that beacon.”

Through this new affiliation, WCSI and FAU’s College of Nursing will collaborate on a range of initiatives to elevate caring science education across academic, clinical and global settings.

Planned collaborations include:

- Continuing education courses focused on caring science, academia and practice.
- Collaborative national and international events, including conferences, webinars, podcasts and scholarly exchanges.
- Expanding opportunities for faculty and student engagement in caring science curriculum development, pedagogical innovation and research.
- Elevating caring science scholarship, showcasing the college’s longstanding contributions to theory development and holistic nursing practice.

This partnership will allow both organizations to advance caring science as a unifying framework for the future of the nursing profession.

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About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI):

The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories, and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science, founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), WCSI’s Founder & Director. Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership, and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Watson’s Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments through various educational programs, nurse scientific research, partnerships, events and affiliations. For more information, please visit: www.watsoncaringscience.org.