

Nurse Recognition Award

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Dr. Michelle Gilbert serves as Assistant Professor at Felician University. Her goal is always focused on developing and supporting the next generation of nursing professionals. Dr. Gilbert guides students through capstone projects, welcoming seniors into Felician's Sigma chapters, and advocating for important issues like climate change in nursing. Dr. Gilbert plays a vital role in fostering a sense of community and professionalism.

As a Certified Nurse Educator from the National League for Nursing, Michelle consistently demonstrates her passion for excellence in nursing education. Over the past three spring semesters, she has collaborated with her colleagues on a senior immersion program, where she expertly guides students in developing their first capstone projects. These projects focus on addressing real-world issues identified within the clinical units to which the students are assigned, ensuring that their learning is both practical and impactful.

Dr. Gilbert's involvement extends beyond her administrative duties. She is an active member of various committees, including the TEAMS Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Judiciary Committee, demonstrating her commitment to both academic excellence and student advocacy. Her leadership and collaborative spirit were instrumental when she took over as Chair/Advisor for the Student Nurses' Association (SNA) committee, where she continues to promote student engagement and support.

As a Sigma Global Advocacy Academy Scholar, Dr. Gilbert is currently working on initiatives to engage Sigma chapters in addressing climate change in nursing. Her presentation on this critical topic is showcased in the Sigma Nursing Repository, highlighting her innovative approach to integrating global health issues into nursing education. This work not only elevates the visibility of nursing's role in public health but also inspires students and colleagues to consider the broader implications of their practice.

Dr. Gilbert's dedication to community service is exemplified by her recent tri-state book drive, which she organized in collaboration with Felician students and the Sigma chapter. This initiative successfully collected 150 new books for Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, demonstrating her commitment to enriching the lives of vulnerable populations and fostering a culture of giving within the nursing community. In addition to her outstanding contributions to nursing education, she is also focused on her community to ensure foster children have backpacks filled with essentials, personal care items, and meaningful keepsakes as they move to different foster homes, providing them some comfort when their lives are abruptly changed.

Through her innovative teaching and community engagement, Dr. Gilbert exemplifies a dedication to nursing that inspires both her students and the broader healthcare community.

A message from Michelle: I would like to express my gratitude to my family and friends for believing in me and always encouraging me. I also want to thank my colleagues for challenging me and helping me believe that I can do better and be better. Special thanks to MJ; your support is truly appreciated.