

Nurse Recognition Award

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Dr. Nancy Innella is an Associate Professor at Seton Hall University with over 20 years of experience in nursing education. She has been a Certified Nurse Educator from the National League for Nursing for 18 of those years, demonstrating her long-standing commitment to nursing education excellence.

Dr. Innella is an inspirational and innovative professor who teaches undergraduate traditional and ABSN students, as well as mentors PhD nursing students in their dissertation development course. In her role as an undergraduate faculty member, Dr. Innella teaches Nursing Research, Gerontological Nursing, Pathophysiology, Lifespan, Child and Family Nursing, and Health Assessment to both traditional and ABSN students at all levels.

Nancy has created several learning initiatives to help her students gain a better understanding, such as boot camps for courses such as Pathophysiology and Child Family Nursing. Dr. Innella was also the principal and co-principal investigator on several university grants. She consistently mentors students in conducting research. Dr. Innella is also the author and co-author of several peer-reviewed articles. Nancy is a strong advocate of diversity, equity, and inclusion and has worked collaboratively with the Population Health Student Ambassadors Program in the development of student ambassadors as they provide cultural and linguistic services to underserved populations.

Dr. Innella always seeks new and innovative methods to stimulate her students learning, with excellent student learning outcomes, which have garnered her several awards, including the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Faculty, Researcher Award of the Year for the College of Nursing, and the Lester K. Liberman Humanism in Healthcare Award.

A highly accomplished nursing researcher and educator, Dr. Innella influences scholarly development in nursing education and practice on an interprofessional level. A strong advocate for health promotion for vulnerable communities. Her research has been in the area of obesity in the Hispanic preschool population and is widely published and she has presented her work both internationally and nationally.

Beyond her teaching roles, Dr. Innella actively participates on university-wide committees and holds several chair positions in the College of Nursing, including Vice Chair for Faculty Assembly. Dr. Innella was also a member of the IRB committee and was very instrumental in the creation of the CCNE Re-certification Report for the College of Nursing. She is an excellent and inspirational role model, mentor, and colleague. She embodies the characteristics of servant leadership; she is an inspiration to many.

A message from Nancy: I am honored to be nominated for this award by my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Ann Marie Sailsman. I am deeply grateful for the love and support of my husband, Robin, and daughter, Samantha.