

Dr. Lorrie C. Wong Appointed as Inaugural HMSA Distinguished Professor

The Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing proudly announces the appointment of Lorrie C. Wong, PhD, RN, CHSE-A, associate professor and director of the UH Translational Health Science Simulation Center (THSSC) as the inaugural HMSA Distinguished Professor, effective January 1, 2021.

This endowed distinguished professorship was established in November 2020 by HMSA Foundation to provide the leadership, expertise and research to implement and advance interprofessional education (IPE) at UH.



Dr. Wong has been instrumental in the design and IPE strategy across the UH of Health Sciences education programs and provides leadership for the THSSC. Under Dr. Wong's leadership, the THSSC was accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare in 2014 and re-accredited in 2019, demonstrating the THSSC's commitment to offering health care simulation training programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

She was in the first class of 16 advanced healthcare simulation educators (CHSE-A) certified internationally and today, she assists in developing criteria for certification. As an expert in simulation learning, she has presented at numerous local, national and international conferences on the topic of simulation learning methodology and curriculum integration, and provides consultation and workshops to

nursing faculty from across the globe.

“Lorrie is an innovator and visionary leader in interprofessional education and technology supported learning,” said Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN, dean and professor. “She fosters team based interprofessional practice across UH campuses, the major health organizations throughout the State of Hawaii, and universities in Asia. With the recognition and sustained support from HMSA, interprofessional education and industry partnerships will contribute to improved health care delivery in Hawaii.”

Dr. Wong is well respected for her collaborative leadership style, creativity, and applying the principles of Design Think to healthcare education. She engages clinicians, faculty, and students in approaching problems and achieving solutions using an action-oriented technology supported approach to build capacity for teamwork, cooperation and new ways of thinking.

Dr. Wong is an associate professor in nursing and has been a faculty at UH Manoa since 1989. She holds a PhD in nursing and adult nurse practitioner post-master’s certificate from UH Manoa, a master’s degree from Columbia University, and bachelor’s degree in nursing from UH Manoa.

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