

MEET THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM PROFESSORS



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"ENFERMERIA provides an opportunity to enhance the knowledge and background of nurses in relation to healthcare disparities and social determinants of health that impact the communities in which the students live and work, while speaking to the need to increase the representation of trained medical interpreters within healthcare settings to mitigate these issues.

It provides power of change and impactful implementation within the healthcare setting."



Humberto López Castillo

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UCF College of Health Professionals
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Assistant Professor

"ENFERMERIA will allow participants to engage in practical and meaningful approaches to reduce cultural and language barriers when caring for Hispanic populations.

Participants will be able to conduct their own assessments and select the most appropriate way to bridge the gaps identified. To that effect, the certificate incorporates baseline knowledge with simulation scenarios and shadowing."

STUDENT OUTREACH CONTACTS



Graduate Applicants:

Ayanna López, MA

Director, Graduate Academic
Advising, UCF College of Nursing



**Undergraduate/Graduate
Student Outreach:**

Donna Mercado, MEd

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Spanish informational sessions on
nursing graduate programs

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ENFERMERIA Scholars Program





PROJECT ENFERMERIA

Project ENFERMERIA (Educating Nurses for Engagement, Research, Mentoring Excellence & Reinforcing Interpretation Access) builds on intentional strategies to strengthen institutional capacity to equip more Hispanic/Latino nurses to provide culturally congruent care and meet the language needs of the Central Florida region.

The ENFERMERIA scholars program is offered by the UCF College of Nursing in collaboration with the College of Health Sciences and Professions, College of Graduate Studies, and the Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives.

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS INITIATIVES

UCF aspires to be a national model of intentionality and "servingness" in the pursuit of educational equity for all students.

A Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) is a federal designation by the U.S. Department of Education that acknowledges colleges and universities with 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time equivalent student enrollment.

HISPANIC SERVING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This certificate prepares healthcare professionals, nurses, physical therapists, pre-med, medical interpreters, etc. in the ability to care for Hispanic patients while considering their unique cultural and linguistic needs.



Courses:

- NGR 5131 Exploring transcultural and culturally congruent care for the Hispanic population (Online)
- HSC 6626 Healthcare Delivery Concepts for Hispanic Populations (Online)
- NGR 6771L Healthcare Simulation Practicum (Online with recommended intensive)



Program Opportunities for Students:

- Engage in a mentored research experience
- Attend the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) Annual Conference
- Graduates from this certificate may consider sitting for medical interpreter certification at their discretion. However, this certificate does not prepare students for improving their linguistic ability.



Scholarships are available.

HOLISTIC SUPPORT

Mentoring Support

- CREAR Futuros Peer Mentoring program
- Hispanic Healthcare Mentoring Speaker Series (Monthly)

Funding Support

- Summer Mentoring Fellowship Program
- ENFERMERIA Scholarships

ACADEMIC SUCCESS COACHES



Frank Guido-Sanz

PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, AGACNP-BC, FAANP

Associate Professor, Graduate Simulation Coordinator



Valerie C. Martinez

DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, PMHS

Director, Primary Care and Family Nurse Practitioner programs



Carmen Giurgescu

PhD, RN, WHNP, FAAN

Associate Dean for Research, Chatlos Foundation Endowed Chair in Nursing

What Our Students Are Saying:



Betzabeth Muñiz
BSN, RN, CDN

"Serving as a fellow during Summer 2023 was an excellent opportunity.

I was thoroughly impressed with each member of the project and my mentor, Dr. Desiree Diaz, for the support received throughout the term.

This unique experience allowed me to work closely with her to improve my skills in conducting research that will impact my educational and professional development.

Project ENFERMERIA serves as a reminder of the value of a diverse nursing workforce as the Hispanic population continues to grow, and so do the healthcare disparities they encounter. I am excited to be able to help address these healthcare challenges."