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A nurse leader with more 25 years in the field who is widely recognized for her expertise and focus on innovations in nursing education and community health, Kathryn Shaffer is an assistant professor and former associate dean of the Jefferson College of Nursing, where she has been a faculty member since 2007.

A leader in collaborative efforts between nursing and other health care professions, Dr. Shaffer holds a secondary appointment in Jefferson's College of Population Health and has worked with its faculty, as well as Jefferson's School of Business, to provide experiential learning opportunities for interprofessional health care students, serving some of Philadelphia's most vulnerable populations. Her innovative strategies have been presented at national conferences.

She developed and teaches a "course within a course" on innovation for both nursing and business management students at Jefferson, who learn design thinking and a business model canvas. Students examine public health issues in Philadelphia and develop innovation solutions to increase access or decrease social determinants of health. They also work to disseminate the results of their work to other students and nurses.

As Associate Dean, Dr. Shaffer's focus has been on implementing the college's mission and vision by developing partnerships that advance nursing education and the profession of nursing. In one case, she worked with Frankford Community Development Corporation to support their strategic plan of increasing the health of residents in their northeast Philadelphia community. In another partnership with the City of Philadelphia's Department of Intellectual Disabilities, Dr. Shaffer has helped assure that all JCN undergraduate students are Mental Health First Aid Certified and trained in the use of the drug Narcan in addressing opioid overdoses.

Dr. Shaffer was instrumental in the creation of Jefferson's student-run wellness center at Philadelphia's Broad Street Ministry. The student run wellness center started out as a collaborative effort between College of Pharmacy and Nursing to provide frontline contact with health care professional students and the homeless population served by Broad Street Ministry.

Dr. Shaffer served on the college's undergraduate curriculum committee that redesigned the BSN curriculum in 13 months. The curriculum framework, *Promoting Health and Quality of Life Along the Care Continuum*, serves as a national model for a new direction in nursing education. She also served as curriculum implementation committee chair, responsible for transforming clinical education and creating learning environments to facilitate student understanding and enhance their skill set in promoting and maintaining population health.

One of her current focus areas is in further developing those innovative educational strategies and researching their impact on healthcare providers and population health. Her clinical work in the community has led to a workforce development grant, focusing on supporting Emergency Department staff while decreasing the stigma of care for those affected by the opioid crisis.

Before coming to Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Shaffer was an adjunct clinical faculty member at the Northeastern Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia. Earlier in her career, she was a nurse manager at several long-term care facilities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Dr. Shaffer received her EdD from the University of Delaware, her master's degree in education from Mansfield University focusing on Nursing Education, and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Thomas Jefferson University, College of Nursing.