

CAUSES Faculty Profiles

Nursing



Dr. Pier Broadnax, Ph.D., RN, is an Associate Professor and the Director of the RN to BS in Nursing program. She was formerly the Chairperson of the Undergraduate Nursing Program at Howard University and held a courtesy appointment at Yale University and as a Visiting Researcher at the Catholic University of Chile, School of Nursing, Santiago, Chile. She has also held positions in the public and private sector as a healthcare administrator. She was a Charter Member of the Mayor's Health Policy Council for the District of Columbia. She serves as co-lead of the District of Columbia Action Coalition, Future of Nursing-Campaign for Action sponsored by AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Broadnax has also served as a consultant in international leadership development. She coordinated an international research project in Santiago, Chile on breast cancer knowledge of Chilean women. Her areas of research, in addition to leadership development, include breast cancer in minority women and childhood obesity. She created a leadership development model which was funded by the American Nurses Foundation to support the leadership development of baccalaureate nursing students. She was named the 2016 Black Nurse of the Year by the Black Nurses Association of the Greater Washington, DC area. Dr. Broadnax holds a Ph.D. in Nursing with an emphasis on Health Policy Development from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.



Elmira Asongwed, MS, RN, CNE, is an Associate Professor and Community Health Nursing Specialist in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. She has worked in clinical settings, educational institutions, and public and private agencies in several states and in Cameroon, Africa since 1971, in acute, extended, employee, and home health care. Professor Asongwed has taught various levels of nursing from home health aides, undergraduate, and graduate nursing students through doctoral nursing student consultation. She has multiple local, national, and international committee memberships and held several past offices. Her research interests include secondary prevention with ankle brachial index measurements to identify peripheral artery disease, mindfulness education, and evidence-based education interventions for adult learners. She holds a Master of Science in public/community health nursing/education from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She is credentialed as a certified Nurse Educator by the National League for Nursing.