

KRISTEN SWANSON



Kristen Swanson, RN, PhD, FAAN, is Dean Emeritus at the Seattle University College of Nursing. She currently chairs the Medical Affairs Committee and previously chaired the Swedish Health System Board of Trustees (2017-2023).

Her program of research focused on caring, responses to miscarriage and interventions to promote healing after early pregnancy loss. Her caring theory has been used to guide practice, education, and research in schools and health-care settings around the world. She previously served as Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing and Associate Chief Nursing Officer for Academic Affairs at UNC Hospitals. She has been a visiting professor in the United States, England, Thailand, Taiwan, Columbia, and Sweden, and is frequently invited to consult on strategies to create and sustain a culture of patient centered caring in health care settings. She is a member of the American Academy of Nursing and an alumnus of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program, an advanced leadership initiative for nurses in senior executive roles who aspire to lead and shape the future U.S. health care system. In 2020, Dr. Swanson was inducted into the Washington State Nursing Association Hall of Fame in recognition of her dedication to nursing and significant lifetime achievements. In 2022, she was recognized by the University of Colorado School of Nursing for her lifetime of achievements in Nursing and healthcare.

