



**Unitek Learning Cares**  
Annual Academic  
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**2024 Unitek Learning Cares Annual Academic Conference Agenda**  
**Cultivating Healthier Futures: Education, Innovation, and Equity**

Start (PST)	End (PST)	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Track
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Opening Videos from the CEO (Janis Paulson) and the CAO/Provost (Abdel Yosef)		
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Welcome Keynote – Meg Soper, RN, Motivational Humorist		
9:15 AM	9:45 AM	Visit the Sponsor Hall and Poster Displays		
		Chat with the CEO (Janis Paulson) and the CAO/Provost (Abdel Yosef)		
9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Lung Cancer 2024: What Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Need to Know Daryl Gulliford, MHA		
		The 6 Rights of Cannabis Medication; Non-Interventional Framework for Practice Courtney Allen-Gentry, RN MSN PHN AHN-BC HWNC-BC		
		Empowering New Nursing Leaders: Navigating the Path to Professional Growth Velondria Bursey, MSN		
		Caritas Teaching and Learning as Sacred Activism Jan Anderson, EdD, MSN, RN, AHN-BC, Caritas Coach ®		
		Bridging the Gap: The Synergistic Relationship between Learner and Teacher-Centered Principles in a Complex Adult Health Nursing Course Tracey Murray, PhD, DNP, FNP-BS, RN George McCraven, BSN Rachel Wood Tilkens, MSN, RN		
		What's Love got to do with it? Julie Watson, BFA, MA, FRSA, Caritas Coach ® ( <i>Pre-Recorded</i> ) Lori Gdanetz, PhD, RN, Alumnus PCCN Christine Griffin, PhD, RN, NPD-BC, CPN Dianne Reid, MS, BSN RN, NE-BC, Caritas Coach ®		
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Panel: Workforce Development: Current and Future States Moderator: Karilyn Van Oosten, VP of Strategic Business Development		
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Visit Sponsor Hall and Poster Hall/ Lunch <i>(Visit the Sponsor Hall by 3pm to be entered into the raffle drawing.)</i>		
		Chat with the CEO (Janis Paulson) and the CAO/Provost (Abdel Yosef)		
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Maximizing Collaboration with Subject Matter Experts (E-Learning Edition) Amanda Hewitt, MPA (30-minutes – Pre-Recorded)		



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		<p><b>Nursing School to Bedside Nursing; Nurse Interns to Bridge the Gap</b> Ashton Austin, MSN, HN-BC (30-minutes – Pre-Recorded)</p>	
		<p><b>Strengthening the Connection Between Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment</b> Kacey Dennis, PTA, M.Ed.</p>	
		<p><b>Dive into VR: Transforming Healthcare Education with Virtual Reality and Best Practice Standards</b> Sharon Wheeler, MSN-ED RN CGRN CHSE Carolyn Lewis, PhD, RN, CNE</p>	
		<p><b>Caring Science/Caritas Processes® Nursing Paradigm as a guide to AACN Essentials for Nursing Education</b> Kerry Fankhauser, DNP, MS, RN, AHN-BC, Caritas Leader</p>	
		<p><b>Teaching Clinical Judgement Best Practices in Nursing Education</b> Victoria Squier, DNP, MSN, RN, CNL, NE-BC, EBP(CH), EBP-C Paula Anderson, MSN-Ed, RN Vanessa Rojas, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, MSN-Edu, MBA</p>	
		<p><b>Inclusivity, Innovation, &amp; Equity in Higher Education</b> Jacqueline McRae-Mitchell, M.Ph., M.Ed.</p>	
		<p><b>Leveraging Your Curriculum Map to Manage Learner Competencies</b> Leslie McChesney, BSN Kathy Devaney, BA Laurie Kearns, Ed.D.</p>	
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	<p><b>Panel: FYE 100</b> <b>Moderator: Jamie Holcomb, Ed.D.</b></p>	
		<p><b>Educating in the Gap: A Novel Approach to Harnessing the Subtle Energy of the Endocannabinoid System to Create Multidimensional Climates of Healing with Human Biocrystals in Population Based Public Health</b> Courtney Allen-Gentry, RN MSN PHN AHN-BC HWNC-BC</p>	
		<p><b>Preparing the "Unsung &amp; Unpaid Heroes" of Health Care to Assume &amp; Maintain Their Role.</b> Peggy Rossi, BSN, MPA</p>	
		<p><b>Navigating Learner Emotions &amp; Anxieties in Simulation-Based Learning: Strategies and Insights</b> Marie Gilbert, DNP, RN, CHSE-A Leslie Graham, PhD, MN, CNCC, CHSE, CCSNE Beth Latimer, DNP, GNP-BC, CHSE Melanie Wynja, DNP, MSN, RN, CHSE</p>	
		<p><b>Three Questions Everyone Asks About Their Leader...and Their Team Asks About Them. A Framework for Effective Leadership and Getting People to Want to Follow You</b> Kenneth Smith, MA</p>	
		<p><b>Empowered and Thriving Healthcare: Lifestyle Medicine for Nursing and Implications for the Health Profession</b> Jeanette Black, DNP, MSN, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, DipACLM</p>	



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		<b>Unitek Human Caring Council: Nurturing Caring Consciousness in Higher Education</b> Kimberly Womack, MSN, RN, CNE Krista Adams, MSN/Ed, RN Sheri Byrnes, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE Suzanne Klotz,	
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	<b>Diamond Sponsor – ATI</b>	
		<b>Gold Sponsor – Western University</b> <b>Medication Errors and Nursing Students: What educators should know about Safe Medication Use Practices</b> Rodney (Rod) Hicks, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN	
		<b>Gold Sponsor – Wolter Kluwer</b>	
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	<b>Poster Sessions - Visit the Poster Venue and view the posters and watch scheduled 5-minute presentations.</b>	
4:00 PM	4:05 PM	<b>Cultivating Caritas Consciousness by Integrating Self-Care Spiritual Micro-Practices Through Aesthetics</b> Nikkie King, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN, CNE	
4:05 PM	4:10 PM	<b>LEADING WITH CARE: Integrating of Watsons' 10 Caritas Processes® Into Leading with CARE Model - Infusing Micro-Practices into Caring Moments</b> Joellen Sutterfield, Caritas Coach ®	
4:10 PM	4:15 PM	<b>Honoring and Nurturing Self in Nursing: Using Watson's Human Caring Science</b> Kim Womack, MSN, RN, CNE	
4:15 PM	4:20 PM	<b>Nurses Valuing Nurses: A Caritas Conflict Resolution Curriculum Design Model</b> Anne Claire von Huene EJD, MSN, RN Joan Beckner MAEd/CI & AET	
4:20 PM	4:25 PM	<b>Nurturing Faculty: An online Human Caring Science Faculty Resource Center</b> Sheri Byrnes, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE	
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Recognition</b> Abdel Yosef Scott Tierno, D.A., M.Ed., PMP	



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<b>Conference Session Tracks</b>	
	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
	Leadership and Future Workforce Development
	Mental Health/Wellness
	Online Learning, Instructional Design Strategies and Learning Management Systems
	Pedagogy, Teaching and Assessment Practices
	Student Engagement and Success
	Breaks/Sponsor Hall
	Innovation and Emerging Technologies