

# Preparing Future Nursing Scholars and Leaders

## The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis Health

### Our Vision

Tomorrow's nursing faculty, scientists and policy-trained leaders are furthering their education at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. Here, we empower graduates who will spark bold system change, advance our community's wellness, and transform health care across the region and around the world.

By leveraging scientific approaches, cultural inclusiveness and teamwork, the **Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Ph.D. program** prepares the next generation of nursing scientists to lead transformative research in health equity, and to provide effective, compassionate and accessible care.

### About the Ph.D. program

The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis Health prepares doctoral graduates who will:

- Advance health across various medical settings
- Conduct transformative research
- Educate health care professionals and researchers
- Effect system change
- Influence and implement policy



### Greater Together

Like many doctoral scholars, ambitious nursing students face growing financial barriers to timely attainment of their degree.

Challenges often include debt from their previous education, limited scholarship aid, income reduction to accommodate program participation, and responsibilities to a family and home.

Obstacles like these have led to a nationwide decline in nursing Ph.D. program enrollment over the last 10 years, causing a critical shortage of leaders with nursing backgrounds. The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing is bridging this gap by recruiting and equitably supporting diverse scholars who are eager to contribute new knowledge to nursing science. Our commitment to enrolling students who reflect our community is instrumental to our success. Comprehensive financial aid is directly linked to our ability to retain talented cohorts, sustain their scholarship, ensure timely degree completion and prepare them for future impact.

**Philanthropy will be key to broadening pathways of opportunity — by nurturing the professional growth of nursing students and inspiring them to become multidisciplinary educators, innovative researchers, resilient practitioners and agents of system change.**

# The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Ph.D. Program

## A comprehensive degree launches comprehensive change

Before completing the Ph.D. program, **Jacque DeMellow** served as a clinical nurse specialist for adult critical care. Now, she designs, coordinates, implements and manages performance improvement efforts at five Central California hospitals. DeMellow leads strategies that drive her organization's operations and projected direction.

"In 2014, I could never have imagined being in this position today," she said. "Being in the program gave us an opportunity to make a case for why something is important to do, convince people how to have crucial conversations and then bring people together."

DeMellow also credits the doctoral program with equipping her with the statistical and analytical skills she uses every day in her work and research.

"I thought I knew how to read literature and research studies, but I learned so much about how to interpret studies, analyze what was in them, then synthesize the findings and write about it so people really understood," she explained.

Having personally experienced the transformative power of earning a Ph.D., DeMellow encourages others to pursue the advanced degree as well.

"We need more nurse scientists out in the field and in acute care facilities. Not just faculty, but also boots on the ground," she said. "The program of study gives you tools that you can translate into your work every day that can help your facility, your administration and your leadership team to understand what's important, what is improving and what needs more emphasis."



## Philanthropic Opportunities

To achieve our mission of transforming health care, UC Davis Health invites visionary philanthropists to support the success of four cohorts — 32 students total — during their four-year Ph.D. journeys.

### Advance the careers of talented nursing leaders by supporting research fellowships

GOAL: \$130,000 PER COHORT

### Expand scientific inquiry and the exploration of new topics through dissertation aid

GOAL: \$40,000 PER COHORT

### Remove barriers to timely degree completion by supporting living expenses, allowing students to focus on their studies

GOAL: \$30,000 PER STUDENT

