

Sandra Kay Eggenberger

Sandra K. Eggenberger, PhD, RN, is the Director of The Glen Taylor Nursing Institute for Family and Society and Distinguished Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, USA. Dr Eggenberger is being recognised for her outstanding and sustained contribution to the development of Family Nursing practice, research, and education over many years.

As the director of The Glen Taylor Nursing Institute for Family and Society since 2009, Dr Eggenberger works to advance family and societal health and healing. Numerous advancements at the Institute include the development of a multi-site Family Nursing training programme for practicing nurses and partnering with families in communities through monthly community family forums to create family-in-community action projects. Institute researchers, practicing nurses, and faculty are continuously collaborating to evaluate and refine methods of teaching Family Nursing practice through simulation at multiple competency levels including undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. The work carried out at the Institute is shared with colleagues globally in an effort to further develop Family Nursing. Over the years, Dr Eggenberger has been extensively involved in teaching various Family Nursing courses to students in different programmes.

Through Dr Eggenberger, The Glen Taylor Nursing Institute has provided close collaboration and support to IFNA and recent projects have seen the Institute partnering with the IFNA Practice Committee to support the development of digital Family Nursing stories, as well as the Institute making small funding grants available to support projects that will extend IFNA committee work; with the potential to advance a shared mission of IFNA and The Glen Taylor Institute. Dr Eggenberger has played an active role in IFNA since the organisation's inception. She currently serves as the Secretary of the IFNA Board of Directors as well as being the chair of the Acute Care Cluster in the IFNA International Research Sub Committee.

Through leading multiple Family Nursing research initiatives and publishing numerous peer reviewed articles and books, Dr Eggenberger has played an important role in supporting the scholarship of Family Nursing research and practice over the years. Her work within acute care is widely recognised as being of significant value to the clinical area globally. Of note, Dr Eggenberger has very successfully led a recent global research study spanning 10 countries in order to describe critical care nurse's engagement with families in these different contexts. The results of this study have important ramifications for the development of family engagement interventions in this area. Dr Eggenberger is widely recognised for her expertise and is frequently invited to speak at many national and international conferences. She is also extensively involved in postgraduate research supervision.

Dr Eggenberger has developed, tested and disseminated nursing education pedagogies and nursing practice models that continue to be important in the further advancement of Family Nursing practice locally, nationally and internationally. These Family Nursing models translate knowledge to change practice and work to creating partnerships to support the health of families and society. Of particular note is the way in which Dr Eggenberger has worked to

develop services for families through innovative clinical-academic partnerships. Dr Eggenberger was instrumental in launching the “Health Commons at Pond” which is a no cost school-based clinic for students in need, staffed by students and faculty from the School of Nursing, Minnesota State University Mankato. This clinic allows nursing students to learn by doing in this real-life practical situation, and this clinic has been shown to be making a real difference for students and their families. She has also led the development and testing of digital storytelling as a methodology to translate evidence-based Family Nursing interventions into practice; to teach the methods of capturing nurse stories electronically. This was recently presented at a premier nursing research conference and was very well received.

Dr Eggenberger has been the recipient of numerous awards over her successful career with the most recent being the following:

- Distinguished Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, USA (2020)
- Senior Scientist Family Health Research Section. Midwest Nursing Research Society (2015)
- Outstanding School of Nursing Alumna, Minnesota State University, Mankato (2012)

Through all her work, Dr Eggenberger strives to nurture an intellectual community of scholars focused on education, practice and research to improve family and societal health as well as engaging with scholars to intentionally focus on families and community. She is an inspiring leader for Family Nurse researchers and practitioners, as well as a passionate mentor to students. She clearly articulates and advocates how research can impact policy and clinical care. Her collective body of work on family and community has focused on forming partnerships in research, education and practice in order to bring about change in practice and education. Dr Eggenberger has had a significant impact on the practice of Family Nursing nationally and internationally.