

Nurse Recognition Award

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Dr. Brenda Marshall is a distinguished Psychiatric Mental Health Advanced Practice Nurse and Fulbright Scholar Specialist. Her work spans clinical care, education, and global advocacy, with a steadfast commitment to reducing stigma around mental illness and promoting well-being among nurses and nursing students.

Dr. Marshall provides compassionate care to patients and educates nursing students both in the United States and abroad. She is the author of four influential books in psychiatric nursing and the lead editor and contributor of seven chapters in *Springer's Psychiatric Mental Health Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses*. This book is widely used in nursing schools and medical centers as a leading reference in the field.

She serves on the esteemed faculty of Montclair State University's School of Nursing, where new Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner DNP programs will launch in January 2026. In addition, she is a valued member of the clinical professional nursing staff at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Dr. Brenda Marshall is a nationally recognized leader in psychiatric mental health nursing, education, and advocacy. She serves as principal investigator on a \$1 million SAMHSA grant aimed at expanding education on substance use disorders among nurses and healthcare professionals across New Jersey. Through her Diagnosis 2 Recovery initiative, she has trained over 700 individuals in Mental Health First Aid, equipping them to intervene early and effectively in mental health crises.

She mentors students and faculty alike, serving on doctoral committees and co-authoring research publications. Her leadership extends to national boards, including the International Society of Psychiatric Nurses and the NLN's CNEA credentialing board, where she advocates for excellence in nursing education.

Dr. Marshall's legacy includes founding the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) nearly 40 years ago, pioneering research in trauma-informed care, and championing interdisciplinary collaboration.

Brenda leads with kindness, vision, and a deep commitment to improving mental health care and nursing education.

A message from Brenda: *I am grateful for the love and support from my family (Lewis, Olivia, Megan, Bonnie, Susan, and Brett), my colleagues (especially Dr. Rosita Rodriguez), Montclair State University's SON Dean, Dr. Jan Smolowitz, John Zaphyr at Springer Publications, and Scott Cooper and Cedar Wang at Holy Name Medical Center. You all inspire me every day to bring my best self to the table!*