

The University of Texas at  
Arlington

*College of Nursing and Health Innovation*

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# HOODING CEREMONY

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December 11, 2024  
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College of Nursing and  
Health Innovation

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

It is with great pleasure I congratulate you on your accomplishment today. Graduate education is one of the most challenging and rigorous academic pursuits a student can undertake, and I am proud that each of you have risen above every challenge along the way to earn your degree. Your faculty have witnessed your incredible insight and professional growth, and I could not be prouder of this graduating class. Your contributions to the nursing, kinesiology and public health fields will make a lasting impact in our local community and far beyond North Texas as you share your knowledge and expertise.

As we honor you today with this hooding ceremony, I encourage you to continue your pursuit of education, to never stop learning, and to always be curious. I am confident you will head back into your careers or onto new ones and make a significant positive impact. Please stay in touch with UTA and let us learn about and share your many future achievements.

I wish you great and continued success as you venture forward with this new degree.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth J. Merwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Merwin, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Innovation

# Program

## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Dr. Margarita Trevino

Associate Chair

## DEAN'S REMARKS

Dr. Elizabeth Merwin

Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Innovation

## KEYNOTE FACULTY SPEAKER

Dr. Ann Eckhardt

Chair of Graduate Nursing

## ENUNCIATOR

Dr. Margarita Trevino

Associate Chair

## CEREMONY OF HOODING

Dr. Tammy Eades

Director of the Nursing Administration Program

Dr. Keri Draganic

Director of Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Dr. Patti Parker

Director of Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Dr. Pat Thomas

Director of the Education in Nursing Program

Dr. Mark Richard

Professor in the Department of Kinesiology

Dr. Daniel (Danny) O'Neill

Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Dr. Kira Short

Associate Chair of Clinical Education and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program Director

Dr. Katherine Sandlin

Director of the Pediatric Primary and Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Programs

Dr. Erin Carlson

Director of the Graduate Public Health Program

## CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Margarita Trevino

*Congratulations to the  
College of Nursing and  
Health Innovation's  
Masters of Science in Nursing,  
Masters of Public Health,  
and Post Masters  
Certificate graduates.*

## **Administration, M.S.N.**

Aguero, Andrea	Mix, Kassie
Akaduh, Christie	Murphy, Kelly
Angrum, Shontell	Petty, Desiree
Baker, Angela	Powell, Briana
Blissit, Gwendolyn	Raheem, Adedeji
Garcia-Ortiz, Anabel	Ramirez, Maria
Gotte, Phillip	Shaffer, Christopher
Guzman, Kathaleen	Sykes, Jillian
Hancock, Allison	Taylor, Tremika
Kelly, Michelle'le	Thompson, John
Kromah, Siasia	Zhou, Minyu

## **Adult Gerontology Acute Care, Post Masters Certificate**

Lopez, Sarah  
Nguyen, Quan

## **Adult Gerontology Acute Care, M.S.N.**

Aro-Lambo, Zainab	Lyon, Nathalie
Bidya, Pudasaini	Mohamed, Afnan
Cardle, Julia	Nwosu, Judith
Cary, Ian	Oh, Amber
Devassy, Mini	Pankey, Christina
Falade, Charlotte	Peghebe, Robert
Greydanus, Lori	Pehl, Jacquelyn
Grove, Antionette	Sethi, Parveen
Hamilton, Victoria	Sierra, Erma
Herbert, Jocelyn	Ssedyabahe, Jennifer
Khan, Manasa	Tamang, Mira
Lawrence, Oluwakemi	Vadeboncoeur, Scott
Lozano, Emily	Zarazua, Glenda

**Dual Degree**  
**Adult Gerontology Primary and Acute Care, M.S.N.**

Koirala, Sharmila

**Adult Gerontology Primary Care, Post Masters Certificate**

Gordon, Judith  
Johnson, Dedrick  
Langston, Jamie

Lukose, Jaitha  
Wahl, Samantha

**Adult Gerontology Primary Care M.S.N.**

Baker, Melissa  
Hill, Debbie-Anne  
Ikowe, Stephanie  
Johnson, Mayela  
Levy, Tania

Mendoza, Jessica  
Nwaeye, Josephine  
Rodriguez, Fabian

**Education, M.S.N.**

Conley, Ebonie  
Egbenoma, Joyce  
Gutierrez, Joel  
Henry, Renea  
Hensley, Michele  
Ibe, Jessica  
Johnson, Jillian

Kent, Kathleen  
Kusa, Kemi  
McDavid, Lindsey  
Peck, Michelle  
Reyes, Josie  
Singleton, Yasmin  
Thompson, Martha

**Family, Post Masters Certificate**

Alvarado, Amanda  
Eichelberg, Rosalyn  
Jaggi, Mandeep  
Miller, Melissa

Nirmala, Koirala  
Perez, Krishna  
Rosario, Ramirez  
Umina, Maggie

## Family, M.S.N.

Acuna, Evelynn  
Adame, Courtney  
Akinkugbe, Oyindamola  
Allen, Nicole  
Anta, Brenda  
Arreguin, Argentina  
Austin, Virginia  
Bauer, Sanddrick  
Bermea, Jr, Leroy  
Blaha, Philip  
Bluitt, Laqwitha  
Broliar, Kelsey  
Cheney, Amanda  
Collins, Melissa  
Crawford, Rebecca  
Cuellar, Sarah  
Escobedo, Iliana  
Finney, Lauren  
Fusco, Mallory  
Gooden, Rochelle  
Halowec, Allison  
Hennessey, Sandra  
Hernandez, Eric  
Hong, Gayoun  
Hott, Bridgette  
Huan, Hui  
Johnson, Monica  
Johnston, Shawna  
Jumao-as, Lauren  
Koster, Kyleigh  
Lee, Rhonda  
Lewis, Alicia  
Li, Tiffany  
Malecot, Abigail

Martin, Jamie  
McAfee Trujillo, Korie  
McDaniel, Amanda  
McDow, Nicole  
Meeks, Melanie  
Meymand-Pelletier, Louise  
Miao, Audrey  
Michelle, Arredondo  
Million, Beatrice  
Molina, Melinda  
Moreno, Heather  
Moziejko, Nicole  
Navarro, Mireya  
Negoslowski, Amanda  
Nesbit, Dayna  
Olawepo-Ibironke, Irene  
Ortiz, Crystal  
Ortiz, Marisol  
Paniagua, Nicky  
Parker, Jenifer  
Patton, Lindsey  
Peralta, Celin  
Perez, Lindsay  
Perry, Hannah  
Pitcock, Alexis  
Riojas, Cristela  
Rodriguez, Alliana  
Shah, Monal  
Shields, Sandra  
Sprabary, Shannon  
Ubalde, Ian Maria Bernadine  
Vandersmitte, Angela  
Zaragoza, Jennifer

## **Pediatric Acute Care, M.S.N.**

Canales, Kelsey  
Davis, Katelyn  
Flores, Yahaira  
Foti, Maggie

Garcia, Celeste  
Ovalles, Montielle  
Raju, Elizabeth  
Whiteley, Keegan

## **Pediatric Primary Care, M.S.N.**

Albers, Julie  
Crew, Courtney

Turner, Michelle

## **DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY**

### **Exercise Science, M.S.**

Naik, Surabhi

### **Public Health, M.S.**

Atao, Vannia  
Chowdhury, Most Akhi

Hix, Lauri  
Samano, Erica



"Let us never consider  
ourselves finished,  
nurses. We must be  
learning all our lives."

*Florence Nightingale*