



Unitek Learning Reignites the Light of Caring in Nursing Education and Practice

Leaders in healthcare gathered to support the nursing profession at Unitek's Symposium

Albuquerque, New Mexico – In honor of National Nursing Month, Unitek Learning hosted a nursing symposium at Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town. On May 26th, more than 90 guests attended the celebratory event. Along with five esteemed panelists, Dr. Jean Watson, founder and director of the non-profit foundation, Watson Caring Science Institute, led the conference with her keynote address: "Reigniting the Light of Caring in Nursing Education and Practice."

"The future of nursing education requires a strong partnership between academia and healthcare. Unitek Learning continually seeks to build a bridge between the two," said Dr. Abdel Yosef, Chief Academic Officer at Unitek Learning. "Throughout the New Mexico symposium, we demonstrated our commitment to workforce resiliency so that we can help bridge the gap between the present and the future. In order to better our communities, we must encourage other leaders to meet standards of excellence, to implement new visions of [Caring Science](#), and to serve as a national exemplar for education and practice."

The nursing symposium featured distinguished panelists who are experts in their field, including Penny Beattie, DNP, MBA, RN, NE-BC; Gloria Doherty PhD, MSN, ACNP-BC; Rachael Frijia, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, NEA-BC; Caryn Iverson, DHA, MSN, MBA, RN; and Cynthia Nuttal, MSN, MPA, PhD, RN, NE-BC. Each panelist spoke about educational equity, excellence, and opportunity to prepare a practice-ready healthcare workforce.

In her keynote address, Dr. Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN) shared the core aspects of philosophical-ethical humanistic, theory-guided caring and professional development for academia as well as healthcare organizations. This educational approach expounds on the boldness needed to nurture the practice of human caring in an ever-changing world. Dr. Watson has continued to persevere in her mission to restore the profound nature of caring and healing within healthcare systems worldwide.

"At Unitek, we are committed to a caring exchange between teachers and students," Janis Paulson, Chief Executive Officer at Unitek Learning. "For educators to effectively prepare students, they must infuse their approach with a positive reflection on the past and an eye on the future. Our goal at the conference was to delve into the importance of diversity as well as mental wellness. To reignite the light of caring in nursing education, we must focus on the principles of effective communication, moral commitment to self and others, and our capacity to increase the quality of teaching overall."

Unitek Learning is the parent company of several distinguished learning institutions: Unitek College, Unitek EMT, Eagle Gate College, Provo College, and Brookline College. Unitek programs teach the clinical practices and theory used in the field today. Equipped with a multitude of sought-after skills, Unitek graduates are prepared to excel in many of the fastest-growing careers in healthcare and nursing.