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Tom McNamara is Chief Operating Officer of Unitek College of Nursing (UCN), where he leads operations and strategic growth with a focus on expanding the nursing workforce and helping healthcare organizations address critical staffing needs.

One of the country's largest nursing schools, UCN serves nearly 10,000 students across 28 locations and is the nation's largest provider of hospital-based, prelicensure nursing education. Through its Workforce Solutions partnerships, UCN brings nursing education directly to healthcare employees, creating pathways for frontline workers to become nurses while continuing to work within the organizations and communities they serve. More than 1,500 healthcare workers have participated in these programs, helping hospitals and health systems build and retain talent from within.

A veteran education executive with more than 25 years of experience, Tom has built his career at the intersection of higher education, healthcare and workforce development. Before joining UCN, he served as President of Workforce Development at Risepoint, where he developed partnerships between healthcare systems and universities to educate the next generation of nurses and allied health professionals.

Tom also acted as an Operating Advisor to The Vistria Group, supporting education and healthcare services companies as they scaled operations, improved performance and advanced their missions.

Earlier in his career, Tom served as Chief Operating Officer of West Coast University and President of American Career College, leading both institutions through periods of growth, accreditation and program expansion. He also spent more than a decade with Perdoceo Education Corporation, where he led startup initiatives and the company's Art and Design Group, opened 15 institutions and managed a $300 million business.

Tom began his career in finance and audit with PwC and Ornua/Kerrygold in the United States and Ireland. He also serves on the board of ThinkCERCA, reflecting his longstanding commitment to expanding access to high-quality education.