

Elizabeth A. Carlson, PhD, RN

Dr. Elizabeth A. Carlson [BSN, University of Michigan (1973), MSN, University of Alabama in Birmingham (1976), PhD, Rush University (1988)] has held a variety of clinical and academic positions of leadership at Rush University Medical Center since 1976. Beginning as a CNS in critical care, she served as Interim Chairperson of Medical Nursing [a joint clinical and academic leadership position], and is currently Professor and Chairperson, Department of Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing, Rush College of Nursing. She served as Program Director for Systems Leadership DNP from 2012-2014. She was recognized as a 2014 and 2016 Pinnacle Leader by the Power of Nursing Leadership. She was named the 2016 Marie L. O'Koren Alumni Award for Innovation in Leadership by University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Nursing.

She has a long and rich history of sustained contributions to teaching, practice, and research; she was instrumental in the development of the DNP program at Rush, and headed a multidisciplinary research team studying implementation issues in the deployment of electronic health records. She and her colleagues are currently studying DNP-PhD collaboration and the role it plays in advancing nursing as a profession. She is an active member of the Sigma Theta Tau International, American Heart Association, and American Association of Critical Care Nurses, American Nurses Association, and the Institute of Medicine Chicago (IOMC). She is a member of the International Governance Committee of STTI and the Secretary of IOMC. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing.

In addition to administrative roles in both clinical and educational settings, Dr Carlson has been nominated and recruited to manage and oversee both professional and volunteer/community groups and to serve on several non-profit boards.

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