Bio for Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN

Founding Dean and Professor

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The University of Houston, College of Nursing

Dr. Tart serves as founding dean and professor for the College of Nursing at the University of Houston. The nursing programs are offered at the University of Houston, UH at Sugar Land, UH at Katy and Victoria, Texas. She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa; master’s degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio; and doctorate in Higher Education Supervision and Administration, with an emphasis in Educational Leadership and Cultural Studies, from the University of Houston. Her work in nursing education includes teaching at Victoria College, in Victoria, Texas, Texas Woman’s University in the Texas Medical Center where she coordinated the undergraduate program, and was the Founding Dean for the University of Houston-Victoria. She was a Helene Fuld Fellow with American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and completed the HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. UH’s undergraduate and graduate nursing programs have full accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and full approval from the Texas Board of Nursing. She received the inaugural American Association of Colleges of Nursing Advocate of the Year award in 2009 for her work in advocating for nursing education. She served on the Government Affairs Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in Washington, DC. She is past President of the nursing honor society, Phi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dean Tart’s research includes the Advancement in Nursing Education in Nursing I and II (APIN) grants, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is past President of the Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs for the State of Texas. She serves on the Internal Advisory Committee for the UH College of Medicine. She has served on numerous task force committees for nursing education at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In 2018 the College of Nursing ranked as the #1 nursing program in Texas by RegisteredNursing.org with a 100% NCLEX-RN first time pass rate for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The Family Nurse Practitioner graduates have received a first-time pass rate of 100% for the national certification exam since its first graduating class in 2015. The College of Nursing received the Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from *INSIGHT* into Diversity magazine in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. It is the only national award for diversity and inclusion in higher education.

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