



2016 National Awards

Hildegard Peplau Award

For significant contributions to the field of psychiatric nursing.

Barbara Warren, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, FNAP Ohio Nurses Association

Dr. Barbara Warren's career in nursing, research and mental health spans more than 50 years. She is considered a national expert on mental health and wellness and an authority on health care inequities and disparities for persons from culturally diverse populations. Since 2009, she has been a professor of clinical nursing at Ohio State University's College of Nursing. She also serves as affiliate faculty for Ohio State's Kirwin Institute for Race and Ethnicity.

Her publications and funded research have educated the nursing community and students about the complexities surrounding mental health, and have uncovered new information for patients with mental health conditions.

She began her career as an in-service coordinator and staff nurse at the Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. Following her years as a staff nurse, she's been an administrator, geriatric patient supervisor, health care administrator, graduate research associate and clinical professor.

Dr. Warren also manages her own private practice with Central Ohio Behavioral Medicine and served as the president of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and chairperson of the African American Nurses Council. She also helped develop APNA's last five annual national Psychopharmacology Institutes. She served on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration committee that developed a white paper that discusses shared decision-making treatment processes between clients and their mental health providers.

She has authored more than 30 publications, with many addressing cultural competence and mental health issues, and more than 18 book chapters in the area of mental health. She has also taught hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students in course work and original research. Nationally, Dr. Warren has served as the chair for a content expert panel and a member of the appointments committee for the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She pioneered the Executive Nurse position for the Ohio Department of Mental Health, developing policy regarding psychiatric mental health nursing in the context of recovery and appropriate strategies for use within acute and primary care settings. She has won more than a dozen prestigious awards, the most recent being her induction as a Fellow into the National Academies of Practice.

