



**UTC School of Nursing's Ninth Annual Culturally Inclusive Care Conference:
Advancing Mental Health and Wellness and Unhoused Support Systems**

Monday, March 3, 2025: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/81472441136>

9:00am – 9:10am — Welcome and Introduction: Local Health Disparities & Meeting the Need

- Amber Roache, DNP, FNP-BC, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Nurse Practitioner Program, School of Nursing, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC); Principal Investigator, CANDL Grant

9:10am – 10:00am – Homelessness and Health

- Donna Biederman, DrPH, MN, RN, CPH, FAAN, Clinical Professor, School of Nursing, Duke University

10:00am – 10:45am – Mental Health, Housing, and Resources

- **Neru Gobin**, Director, Office of Housing and Homeless Services, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, State of Tennessee

10:55am – 11:25am – Community Health Nursing – Lessons Learned

- **Latisha Toney**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC. Lecturer, Community Health Nursing, School of Nursing, UTC

11:25am – 12:00pm – Cempa Community Care – Caring for Our City's Most Vulnerable

- **Todd Belk**, FNP-C, Nurse Practitioner, Cempa Community Care

12pm – 12:30pm – Lunch Break

12:30pm – 1:15pm – Mental Health Disorders and Substance Use Disorders: The Challenges to Treating Patients with Dual Diagnosis and Available Resources

- **Jason Peter**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Mary B. Jackson Assistant Professor, ABSN Program Coordinator, School of Nursing, UTC

1:15pm – 1:45pm – Hamilton County Coalition – A Panel Discussion on Services

- **Calandra Smith**, Assistant Director, Hamilton County Coalition Systems (HCC)
- **Maurice Drain**, Behavioral Health Community Service Navigator, HCC
- **Kate Parsons**, SE Regional Faith-Based Coordinator, HCC

**1:45pm – 2:30pm – Interventions Designed for Women Veterans with Mental Health Care Needs:
Findings from a Scoping Review**

- **Jennifer Orshak**, PhD, RN, EBP-C, Nurse Scientist, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital

2:30pm – 2:55pm – Renewal: An Unexpected Journey of Healing

- **Jarett Hall**, LPC-MHSP, Behavioral Health Director, Clínica Médicos

2:55pm – 3:25pm – Addiction Nursing & Diamond Polishers - CADAS

- **Taylor Blackwell**, MSN, AGACNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner, Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (CADAS) and **Knox Farmer**, Marketing Director, CADAS

3:25 – 3:30pm –Closing Comments, Surveys, and Discussion

- Amber Roache, DNP, FNP-BC, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, UTC