

**UTC School of Nursing's 10th Annual Inclusive Care Conference:
Caring for Aging Populations**

Wednesday, March 4, 2026: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Conference Zoom Link: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/83667961035>

9:00am – 9:10am — Welcome and Introduction: Caring for Aging Populations & Meeting the Need

- **Amber Roache**, DNP, FNP-BC, Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program; Associate Professor, UTC
- **Kristi Wick**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, GS-C, Vicky B. Gregg Chair of Gerontology, Assistant Professor, UTC

9:10am – 10:00am – Age-Friendly Health: An Overview

- **Jane Carmody**, DNP, MBA, RN, FAAN, Senior Program Officer, The John A. Hartford Foundation

10:00am – 10:55am – Age-Friendly Public Health Systems: Crucial Strategies for Older Adult Care

- **Megan Wolfe**, JD, Senior Policy Development Manager, Trust for America's Health

10:55am – 11:30pm – The Hospital as a Disparity Amplifier: Access, Bias, and Aging in Place After Discharge

- **Christi Denton**, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs; Adult Gerontology Acute Care Program Director, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, UTC

11:30am – 12:00pm – Alzheimer's Disease: Prevention, Treatment and Hope

- **Monica Crane**, MD Geriatric Medicine, Genesis Neuroscience Clinic; Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine, College of Medicine, UT Health Science Center

12:00pm – 12:30pm – Lunch Break

12:30pm – 1:20pm – Empowering Communities for Longevity: Strategies from Blue Zones and Beyond

- **Emma Davis**, PhD, MPH, CPH, CTTS, Public Health Program Director, Tennessee Department of Health

1:20pm – 1:45pm – ABIDE Respite Ministry: A Model of Social Care for Persons with Cognitive Decline and Their Caregivers

- **Rev. Michelle Hunter**, Minister of Congregational Care, First-Centenary United Methodist Church

1:45pm – 2:10pm – Creating Age-Friendly Pathways: Leveraging Congregations to Support Healthy Aging

- **Stephanie Blaine**, M.Ed., Age-Friendly Program Director, College of Nursing, UTC

2:10pm – 2:35pm – Navigating Palliative & Hospice Care

- **Tammy Stokes**, MSN, RN-BC, CHPN, Administrative Director of Nursing, Maury Regional Medical Center

2:35pm – 3:00pm – Occupational Therapy: Home Environments and Aging

- **Jaewon Kang**, PhD, OTR/L, Assistant Professor, Dept of Occupational Therapy, Colorado State University

3:00pm – 3:25pm – Breaking the Silence: Late-Life Depression in Focus

- **Jason Peter**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program Director, College of Nursing, UTC

3:25 – 3:50pm – Scams Targeting the Elderly

- **Kevin Reagan & Chip Andy**, Special Agent, Medicaid Fraud Control Division and Cybercrime Investigations, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

3:50 – 4:00pm – Closing Comments, Surveys, and Discussion