



## Meet Our UN Representatives: Jasper Erwin Tolarba

Jasper Erwin Tolarba, DNP, RN, CNE, CGNC, FACHE, FFMRCIS, FAAN, is the inaugural Beatrice Hofstadter White Endowed Chair for Nursing Practice, Education, Research, and Innovation at Nuvance Health System and Sacred Heart University in New York and Connecticut. Prior to this, he was the first foreign educated nurse to become Director at Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools International (CGFNS) in its 49 years of existence. During his tenure at CGFNS, he oversaw the credentials evaluation process and development of policies and standards related to internationally educated nurses migrating to the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. His past clinical experiences include serving as Clinical Manager at Aya Healthcare, Clinical Nursing Director at Tufts Medical Center, Patient Services Manager at Yale New Haven Hospital, and ICU staff nurse at Saint Mary's Hospital. He also served as adjunct faculty at University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Simmons University-Boston, and Wilmington University-Delaware.

Dr. Tolarba was a 2019-2020 Fulbright Fellow to the Kingdom of Jordan, where he conducted national research on nursing education in Jordan. Dr. Tolarba is originally from the Philippines, where he obtained his BSN and master's in education degrees. He migrated to the United States and obtained his MSN in Nursing Administration at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2007 on full scholarship. After completing his MSN degree, he pursued further studies and was one of the inaugural graduates of Doctor of Nursing Practice at Yale University in 2015. He is currently completing his second doctorate (EdD in Nursing Education) at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. Dr. Tolarba is the Founder and President of the Society of Internationally Educated Nurses in North America (SIENNA), a professional association of internationally educated nurses migrating from different parts of the world to countries such as the United States and Canada.

He is a Sigma member at Yale University (Delta Mu Chapter) and Columbia University (Alpha Zeta Chapter). He is board certified as a Global Nurse Consultant (CGNC), Certified Nurse Educator (CNE), a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), a Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (FFNMRCIS), and Fellow of the American Academy of Nurses (FAAN).