



Dr. Connie Sobon Sensor, PhD, RN, CTN-A, believes in the power of nursing to improve the health of the world's people. She has been certified as an Advanced-level Transcultural Nurse (CTN-A) since 2003, and she is a recognized expert in the power of culturally responsive nursing to meet the challenges of a global society, focusing on cultural health beliefs and practices, cultural etiquette, and strategies to gain acceptance into ethnic communities. She has published and presented widely on culturally competent healthcare, leadership, and global health initiatives, including the United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goals, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Her current research explores the health-related cultural beliefs, practices, and experiences of a migrant Dominican population living in the United States. In hopes of eliminating health and healthcare disparities for the Dominican population in her study, Dr. Sobon Sensor is working with a local hospital community task force to include the findings from her research in developing the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan. Her past research includes exploring the relationship between suburban adolescents' attitudes toward violence, personal exposure to violence, television viewing of violence, and ethnicity.

Dr. Sobon Sensor has leadership experience at all levels of Sigma. Dr. Sobon Sensor served as Secretary, Sigma Board of Directors, during the 2011-2013 Biennium. She was appointed to the United Nations Task Force for the 2009-2011 Biennium, and served as the Board Liaison to the UN & Global Health Advisory Council. Currently, Dr. Sobon Sensor has been appointed to the role of liaison/representative for Sigma to the United Nations, where Sigma is an affiliated non-government organization (NGO) with special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. In this capacity, Sigma is positioned to influence global health policy and decision-making on behalf of nursing. In March 2016, Dr. Sobon Sensor was part of a panel that presented "Empowering Women through Leadership Development" on behalf of Sigma during the 60th Conference of the Commission on the Status of Women hosted by the UN in New York City. Regionally, Dr. Sobon Sensor was elected for two terms (2007-2011) as North America Region 14 Coordinator (New York and New Jersey), where she had a leadership role in promoting the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by facilitating membership learning experiences and membership presence at programs at the UN. She served for many years as Coordinator of the New Jersey Consortium of Sigma Chapters, promoting collaborative programming among chapters. She facilitated development of an ongoing regional Service Leadership Project to set up health clinics in rural areas of the Dominican Republic in collaboration with Sigma chapters and the Foundation for Peace. Since 2007, this project has supported more than 40 trips to the Dominican Republic, with participation of more than 400 nurses, who have served over 50,000 people in need of professional healthcare. At the chapter

level, she was President and Treasurer of the Key Award–winning Kappa Eta Chapter at New Jersey City University, and has held many committee positions.

Dr. Sobon Sensor has been an active member of professional nursing communities. She is currently the President of the Northeast Chapter, and served as President and Member-at-Large for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Transcultural Nursing Society. She was Secretary for Region 3 of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, and was appointed National Public Policy Workgroup member and regional Public Policy Advisor for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), where she promoted the organization’s public policy agenda and empowered chapter members to influence policy development related to critical care nursing and health.

Dr. Sobon Sensor earned a PhD from Seton Hall University in nursing research and theory development. She received an MSN in clinical management with a focus in transcultural nursing from Kean University, a BSN from New Jersey City University, and a diploma in nursing from the Englewood Hospital School of Nursing. She has had the opportunity to study with the late Dr. Madeline Leininger, the founder of Transcultural Nursing, and Dr. Francis Collins, who headed the Human Genome Project at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Sobon Sensor has certified expertise in Adult Critical Care (CCRN), School Health, and Transcultural Nursing. She has extensive clinical experience in critical care and emergency nursing, School Health Nursing, and nursing supervision. Dr. Sobon Sensor currently works as an Assistant Professor and Director of the School Nurse Program at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey. Prior to teaching at Rutgers, she taught nursing at Kean University for many years. While at Kean University, she applied to a competitive interdisciplinary program at NIH along with one of her students. They were chosen to be one of 15 faculty/student research mentor pairs that participated in a Genomics Short Course at NIH in 2008.

In addition to professional endeavors, Dr. Sobon Sensor has been participating in women’s sprint triathlons since 2008. She enjoys time spent outdoors swimming, biking and running. She is a leader in the Triwomen group, where she mentors women new to the sport of Triathlon, ultimately empowering communities of healthier women as role models for their families. She is an advocate for breast cancer awareness and has participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in New York City since 2006. Connie and her husband Tim have four sons, and she is grateful for the never-ending support of her family.