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A recognized expert on palliative care and health care related to aging, as well as innovative methods of care addressing those issues, Jeannette Kates serves as Director of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program at Jefferson College of Nursing, where she also is an assistant professor.

Dr. Kates' research is focused on improving quality of life and reducing disparities for those with serious and chronic illness. She addresses disparities in patients' treatment-related decision making and works to expand palliative care knowledge amongst health care providers. She currently has funding to develop culturally appropriate approaches to advance care planning and clinical trial participation, and to develop a palliative care interprofessional student curriculum.

Dr. Kates chairs the Public Policy Special Interest Group of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. In that role, she keeps members apprised of policy updates relevant to palliative care.

She was selected as a subject matter expert by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association for their Advance Care Planning Task Force, and also was chosen as an inaugural Palliative Nurse Leadership Scholar by Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

Before joining the Jefferson faculty in 2016, Dr. Kates was an assistant professor at Holy Family University's School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions in Philadelphia and had held teaching positions at Rowan University, Helene Fuld School of Nursing, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Her clinical experience includes her current work as a palliative care nurse practitioner at Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice in New Jersey, and several previous positions providing geriatric and palliative care at practices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kates holds a PhD in nursing research from Duquesne University, along with a master's degree as a gerontological nurse practitioner and a bachelor's degree in nursing, both from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a post-master's certificate as an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner from Thomas Jefferson University in 2018.