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Leveraging her extensive experience managing complex interactions of academic programming needs, funding opportunities, stakeholder relationships, and industry partnerships, Hannah Smith serves as Assistant Dean, Academic Strategy and Operations at the Jefferson College of Nursing.

As part of her work to lead JCN to the forefront of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning curve, Dr. Smith heads the college's **JeffLEARN (Lead Engage Advance Reimagine Nursing)** initiative, which integrates iPads and other Apple technologies, and other digital applications, in both virtual and onsite classrooms, simulation rooms, and clinical settings. JCN's cutting edge use of technology was a key to its successful shift of instruction to the virtual world during 2020's COVID-19 pandemic. She is certified as an Apple Learning Academy Specialist, trained to build organizational sustainability by ensuring that educators have sophisticated knowledge of how the company's products support best practices in learning and teaching.

At JCN, where she also is an assistant professor, Dr. Smith oversees expansion and evolution of academic technology, including training and professional development programs that help faculty and staff expanding their technological skills in both the academic and management realms.

Before assuming her current duties at JCN in 2019, Dr. Smith was Associate Director of Thomas Jefferson University's Institute of Emerging Health Professions and, prior to that, Associate Director for Business Development at the Jefferson College of Life Sciences. In both roles, she led new academic program development, creating continuing education programs, full masters programs, and community engagement initiatives. Dr. Smith gained experience with both online and in-person curriculum development, federal grants, accreditation applications and processes, and philanthropic funding initiatives.

Earlier in her career, she was an adjunct professor at Delaware County Community College in Pennsylvania and Camden County Community College in New Jersey.

Dr. Smith earned her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Thomas Jefferson University and her bachelor's degree in from Cornell University. She also completed a Penn-PORT postdoctoral fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania.