

Bio: Dr. Joseph Morris

Dr. Morris is the current Executive Officer of the California Board of Registered Nursing. With nearly 20 years of experience, he has a diverse background in scholarship, clinical practice, community outreach, and administrative experience. With an impressive leadership foundation, he has held several prominent roles including a hospital Administrator, Associate Dean and Director of several institutions of higher learning. In addition, he has worked as an education consultant, faculty member and advanced clinician.

Dr. Morris has earned several professional degrees and certifications which include a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, Post-Masters of Science in Gerontology as a Nurse Practitioner and a Post-Masters Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification all from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Currently, he is also pursuing a post-Masters Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMNP) degree from Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Morris obtained his PhD of Philosophy in Nursing Science with an emphasis on Alzheimer's disease and Bio-Behavior from the University of California, Los Angeles, in which he graduated with top honors.

Dr. Morris has published and presented several research articles and scholarly papers at the state, regional, and national conferences. His latest project includes a self-published children book: "The World's Greatest Grandpa..." a fictional novel that focuses on educating Parents and Children about Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Morris has received several distinguished awards including the Faculty of the year Award, John. A Hartford Fellowship, and the California Research & Education Endowment. He is a member of many professional organizations including Sigma Theta Tau, Geriatric Society of America, & Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated. He is a lifelong learner and strong advocate for student success. His other areas of interest include: mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, teaching, faculty development, musicology, and community outreach.