

# **Bridgette M. Rice, PhD, MDiv, APRN, FAAN**

**The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professor in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations  
at M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing | Villanova University**

Villanova, PA, US

Dr. Rice is an expert in community-based practice with a focus on gun violence, youth mental health, and health equity.

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## **Biography**

Dr. (Brawner) Rice began her nursing career in neonatal intensive care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has since expanded her work to community-based practice. A recognized behavioral health and intervention development expert, she has worked on a myriad of HIV/STI risk reduction programs both locally and internationally for youth with mental illnesses and difficulties with emotion regulation. More recently, her methodological advances have been applied to address multiple health inequities (e.g., youth mental health service utilization, cardiovascular disease risk among young Black men, gun violence) where she uses novel approaches including mixed methods research and GIS mapping. Cognizant of the role of geography in health, her spatially-based research explicates and intervenes in factors such as neighborhood disadvantage to prevent disease and promote health equity. Dr. Rice does this community-engaged work in close collaboration with key community members (e.g., youth, faith-based institutions, and policymakers). She is a staunch justice advocate who believes that research can be leveraged as an advocacy tool to ensure all individuals have an opportunity to achieve their full health potential. She is also the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Dr. Bridgette Executive Consulting, LLC where she works with individuals and organizations to promote the engagement and retention of racial and ethnic minoritized groups in health-related fields.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Adolescent Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Community & Public Health Nursing, Gun Violence, Health Equity, HIV & AIDS and Mental Health, Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention, Social Justice and Equity, Substance Abuse

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## **Education**

**Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra**  
Community Health Language Immersion Practicum

**Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University**  
MDiv

**University of Pennsylvania**  
PhD Nursing Science

**University of Pennsylvania**

MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Advance Practice Nursing; Speciality: Child and Family Therapy

**Villanova University**

BSN Nursing, Psychology, and Spanish

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## **Select Accomplishments**

**Fellow, American Academy of Nursing**

2022

**International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) Diversity and Equity Award**

2021

**Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing**

2021

**Visiting Research Fellow**

Yale University Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS), New Haven, CT, 2011-2013

**Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow**

Offices of the Provost and School of Nursing Dean University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA , 2009-2012

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