

# **Nancy Tkacs**

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Los Angeles, CA, US

Nursing expert, specializing in the study of pathophysiology and neuroscience

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## **Description**

Nancy Tkacs is part of the adjunct faculty in the Department of Nursing, where she teaches courses on pathophysiology and pharmacology for advanced nursing practice. She is also an associate professor emerita of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania.

She has more than 25 years of experience teaching pathophysiology to advanced practice nursing students. As a master's-prepared nurse with a doctorate in physiology, she is able to build a bridge between physiology concepts and the pathophysiology of disease. Prior to joining USC, she served as assistant dean for diversity and cultural affairs at UPenn. In this capacity, she developed and implemented action plans to increase faculty diversity and facilitate an inclusive and supportive climate.

Her research focuses on the study of pathophysiological adaptation to a variety of disease-induced stressors. She has studied brain mechanisms of a diabetes complication called hypoglycemia unawareness in projects funded by more than \$1.2 million from the National Institutes of Health and JDRF. She has also served as content expert as dissertation chair or committee member for many doctoral students who are using biologically based research approaches.

Tkacs received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the UPenn School of Nursing and her PhD in physiology with a focus in neuroscience from Loyola University of Chicago Graduate School at the Stritch School of Medicine. She completed her postdoctoral training in neuroendocrinology at the University of California, San Francisco.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the American Diabetes Association and the American Physiological Society.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Writing and Editing, Program Development, Research, Education/Learning, Public Policy, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Providers

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## **Topics**

Nursing, Neuroscience, Pathophysiology, Medicine

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## **Affiliations**

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## **Education**

**Loyola University of Chicago, Graduate School at the Medical Center**  
PhD Physiology

**University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing**  
MSN Clinical Nurse Specialist

**University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing**  
BSN Nursing

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## **Accomplishments**

**Outstanding Educator Award**  
Awarded by the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

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