

Sharon O'Neill

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Nursing expert, with a penchant for health care regulatory law.

Biography

Sharon O'Neill serves as vice chair of the Department of Nursing, director of the online Family Nurse Practitioner program and associate clinical professor at USC. Her current interest lies in family and children's health issues across different life stages. She has conducted extensive research on maternal child health programs, hepatitis C in children with hemophilia and cystic fibrosis in children.

Prior to joining USC, she served as program coordinator of the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing for seven years. Her practice initiatives include the establishment of the Sickle Cell Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins. She wrote the center's bylaws and helped it become an agency for the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign of the Community Health Charities of the National Capital Area. She has also developed training programs for families and staff caring for children requiring long-term mechanical ventilation in rehabilitation, home and school settings.

O'Neill earned a diploma in nursing from the Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Notre Dame of Maryland University, a master's in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, a juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law and a doctorate in nursing practice from The Catholic University of America. She also holds dual post-master certifications as a pediatric primary care nurse practitioner and family nurse practitioner from Johns Hopkins.

In addition to her nursing career, O'Neill boasts an extensive legal career focused on health care regulatory law, corporate transactions, medical malpractice and product liability defense. Most recently, she acted as part-time in-house legal counsel to the Kennedy Krieger Institute for more than 13 years.

Industry Expertise

Program Development, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Mental Health Care, Medical Devices, Medical Equipment / Supplies / Distribution, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Providers, Public Policy

Areas of Expertise

Healthcare Public Policy, Children's Health

Education

Catholic University of America
PhD Nursing

University of Baltimore School of Law
JD

University of Pennsylvania
MS Nursing

Notre Dame of Maryland University
BS Nursing

Accomplishments

Simulation Education Leader
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Awarded by Maryland Faculty Academy for Simulation Teaching in Nursing

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