

# **Suzanne Smeltzer, EdD, RN**

**Professor; Director of the Office of Nursing Research | M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing at Villanova University**

Villanova, PA, US

Dr. Smeltzer, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN is committed to improving care for individuals with disabilities.

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## **Biography**

An internationally known scholar, researcher, educator and author, Dr. Smeltzer has directed the College of Nursing's Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities Project, funded by a grant from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. Committed to making health promotion practices and services accessible and acceptable for those who are physically and cognitively challenged, she has done extensive research on and can discuss health issues of people with multiple sclerosis and other disabilities, how to improve the health and wellness of those with disabilities, and how to integrate disability content into the education and training of health care professionals.

In 2018, Dr. Smeltzer was named inaugural holder of The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professorship in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations at the Villanova University M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Nursing Education, Healthcare for Vulnerable Populations, Nursing Research, Disability Advocacy, Healthcare for the Disabled

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## **Education**

**University of Pennsylvania**

EdD

**Texas Women's University**

MS

**St. Louis University**

BSN

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## **Select Accomplishments**

**Dr. Suzanne C. Smeltzer named inaugural holder of The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professorship in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations**

2018

An internationally known advocate for health care access and quality care people with disabilities, Suzanne C. Smeltzer, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, has been named inaugural holder of The Richard and Marianne Kreider Endowed Professorship in Nursing for Vulnerable Populations at the Villanova University M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, where she is professor and director of the Office of Nursing Research and Evaluation.

**American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Nurse.com/Gannett Foundation Lectureship Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Nursing Education**

2016

AACN recognized Dr. Smeltzer for her work over more than twenty years to address the health issues of people with disabilities through education, research, and advocacy. She has brought attention to the need for health care professions, including the nursing profession and nursing faculty, to prepare their graduates to provide high quality and sensitive care to people with disability.

**Inducted as a Fellow into the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education**

2015

The induction recognizes Dr. Smeltzer's scholarly work on behalf of people with disabilities. Fellows provide leadership in nursing education and in the Academy of Nursing Education, and support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education. Fellows serve as important role models and resources for new educators and for those who aspire to become nurse educators.

**St. Louis University Alumni Merit Award**

2011

Award presented to Dr. Smeltzer for her dedication to and scholarly work on behalf of people with disabilities.

**Villanova University Investigator Award**

2006

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