Dr. Lucia Gonzales

Dr. Gonzales is the Associate Director of Research and tenured associate professor at Clemson School of Nursing. She holds a PhD from Emory University and master’s degrees from the University of San Diego, Rush and Bowling Green State Universities. Dr. Gonzales has greater than ten years’ experience as Director of Education and greater than ten years as chief nursing administrator in acute care health systems. Her career accomplishments include awards of $420,000 grants for care coordination and nurses’ computer education and co-authored HRSA workforce development grants with awards of 2.7 and 4 million dollars for nurse practitioner and RN to BS education. She developed an onsite RN to BSN program in collaboration with UMDNJ/Rowan School of Nursing for 93 nurses.

She is an invited international speaker on transition and adult development, palliative and cardiovascular care, cultural competence, and Appalachian SC. She has taught leadership, professional nursing, contemporary issues, organizational transitions, logic and critical thinking, health theory, research medical-surgical nursing, geriatrics, and health care finance.

Her publications encourage faculty and clinical nurses to interject research into both the academic and clinical settings. Her cultural competence research and the authoring of more than ten grants in Appalachian Upstate South Carolina have prepared her to share the demographics and other social determinants of health to nurse practitioners in Appalachia. Nurse practitioner Gonzales maintains a nursing practice as a transition planner for the midlife woman. Lucia and her husband, Venerable, built a Christian faith-based chapel in the Philippines for prayer, education, medical missions, and international research. They have seven children and six grandchildren.