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Professor Denise Dignam has held a number of senior academic management positions most recently as Associate Dean (International and External Engagement, UTS) having previously held the positions of Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning), Professor and Head of School in the School of Nursing and Health Care Practice, at Southern Cross University, Lismore, Associate Professor at Massey University and Head of School at UNITEC. Her professional contributions include membership of the Minister of Health's- New Prescribers Committee (NZ , 1990's) and as monitor for the New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) in postgraduate and past monitor in undergraduate NZ Nursing Courses She has served on the Council of Deans Nursing and Midwifery ANZ and held a term as an executive member. Over the past six years she has been a member of the organising committee for the Monash, Prato Clinical Skills conference. In her capacity as academic manager Denise has been involved in the development of simulation resources, staff simulation skill development, facilities redesign, research and curriculum design.

Professor Denise Dignam was on the Partner Reference Group for the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Project 2008-10. *The development of an undergraduate nursing competencies assessment tool for use across Australian universities*. Professor Dignam was also on the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council Steering Committee as representative for the NSW NMB for a project to develop national standards for the accreditation of nursing and midwifery courses in Australia. Denise worked recently as a team member for a research project evaluating the Nursing Council of New Zealand's *Continuing Competence Framework*, for the Nursing Council of New Zealand (2010). Her current research involvement is as a team member in an inter-professional health education project (Australia) an ALTC and Health Workforce Australia funded project (UTS).

As a Deputy Director WHO cc (UTS) Denise has advised on a number of projects as academic lead, including the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) AusAid projects 2009/ 2010. She has acted as a consultant to nursing standards in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, human resource capacity development using practice development methods in the UAE and faculty development in Indonesia.

Research interests include community nursing, continuing competence, inter-professional education, and nurse education. Her current consultancy work includes curriculum design, faculty development and the integration of simulation.