

Renee Michelsen

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Major health care systems expert, focusing on palliative care and hospices

Biography

Renee Michelsen MSS, LCSW, is an associate clinical professor and regional field education coordinator for the Virtual Academic Center. She serves as the lead field placement faculty for students in the Northeast and Midwest United States. Prior to coming to USC, Michelsen served as the director of field education and taught at Rutgers University School of Social Work. She received her Master of Social Service degree from Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and Social Research in 1984. Michelsen earned her LCSW in 1991. Michelsen has held leadership positions in two major health care systems spanning a 25-year career in medical social work prior to entering academia. She directed multiple geriatric grant-funded programs in New Jersey and served on the New Jersey State Commission on Aging. She was the director of social work for a large hospice organization and has a post-master's certification in palliative and end-of-life care from the Silver School of Social Work at New York University. In 2007, she won the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization award for Hospice Clinical Director of the Year. Her first academic appointment as an adjunct was at the College of Saint Elizabeth in 1996. She taught in the Continuing Education program at Rutgers from 1992 to 2012.

Industry Expertise

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

Areas of Expertise

Community and Family Services, Adults Aging, Healthy Aging

Affiliations

Trustee, Board of Directors New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Organization (NJHPCO), National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Education

Bryn Mawr College
MSS Social Service

University of Delaware
BS Community and Family Services

Accomplishments

Hospice Clinical Director of the Year

2007 Awarded by the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

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