

Bio: Mario R. Ortiz



Mario Ortiz is dean and professor of nursing at Binghamton University's Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He is also the executive director of the school's Kresge Center for Nursing Research and the Community Health Centers of Practice.

Ortiz has a record of success in developing healthcare programs and being at the forefront of establishing nurse-led, patient-centered medical homes as primary care clinics. He has established and nurtured critical partnerships with healthcare providers and policy-makers, and has a rich portfolio of faculty, staff, and clinician development. Additionally, Ortiz has garnered millions in endowments and grants to support community care, nurse-led primary care clinics and education.

As a board-certified community/public health nurse specialist and family nurse practitioner, Ortiz continues to practice by providing low threshold, harm reduction-informed care, for persons who use drugs, as well as, primary care services for both acute and chronic issues. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of community health nursing, family nursing, research and theory, and nursing leadership and management.

Additionally, Ortiz is a respected scholar in national and international arenas, where he focuses on unique nursing research and practice. He is the contributing editor of the "Health Policy" and "Leadership" columns in *Nursing Science Quarterly*. He serves on the referee panels for the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care* and the *Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care*.

He is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, and a Fellow in the Nursing Academy of the National Academies of Practice, Royal Society for Public Health, and the American Academy of Nursing.