

## Caring Science in an Era of Global Disruption

## In January of 2019, educators and healthcare professionals collaborated at the International Nursing Education and Leadership Symposium.

Amman, Jordan – February 13, 2019 – International nursing leaders and educators kicked off the new year with a focus on human caring and the importance of "Caring Science in an Era of Disruption." The King Hussein Cancer Center and Cancer Foundation—a medical center in Amman, Jordan that treats over 3,500 adult and pediatric patients annually—hosted world-renowned healthcare leaders, nurse educators, deans of colleges, and esteemed guests at this trailblazing event.

During the January 31<sup>st</sup> symposium, participants attended keynote presentations and expert panel discussions. Caring Science Theory shaped this transformative event by expounding on the boldness needed to nurture the practice of human caring in an ever-changing world. Nurse legend **Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN)**, Distinguished Professor and Founder/Director of Watson Caring Science Institute, shared her continued mission to restore the profound nature of caring-healing within current healthcare systems worldwide.

Dr. Watson illustrated the importance of expanding Caring Science into global philosophies, theories, ethics, and the practice of human caring. Doing so would allow the healthcare community to retain and nurture their most precious resource: professional nurses and transdisciplinary team members. The future of nursing and caring starts at the top, a belief which was expressed in a presentation on "Caring Leadership in an Era of Disruption" by **Abdel Yosef, PhD, RN, CNE**, the Chief Academic Officer of Unitek Learning. Dr. Yosef's presentation highlighted major segments of the global economy that have already undergone permanent technological and social disruptions, such as the movie or transportation industries.

"Disruptions of traditional approaches to higher education are already resulting in changes that have affected the lives of students, faculty, staff, and alumni of universities and colleges," said Dr. Yosef. "Healthcare and higher education is the next industry to face massive disruption, a radical change that fosters a new way of doing business. This is primarily caused by changes in the technological and social spheres. However, nursing has an extraordinary opportunity to shape the future of healthcare delivery. Strong nursing leaders must work together to provide the support, wisdom, and mentorship necessary for a successful leadership journey."

The King Hussein Cancer Center and Cancer Foundation presented Dr. Yosef and Dr. Watson with awards of appreciation for their efforts to support the healthcare professionals at the symposium.

Following the symposium, Dr. Watson and Dr. Yosef participated in the international conference, "Middle Eastern Nurses and Partners Uniting in Human Caring" in Aqaba, Jordan. The conference also celebrated the efforts of Middle Eastern nurses and educators who have united to support human caring principles. Both events provided an opportunity for healthcare leaders to hear from academia and promote the outstanding practice of Caring Science.

These events demonstrated Unitek Learning's commitment to improve quality of care. As an academic institution, they strive to support patients, healthcare practices, and healthcare

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