

Benita Chatmon, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE

Dr. Benita Chatmon is an Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing and the Assistant Dean for Clinical Nursing Education at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in New Orleans, Louisiana (where she currently resides). She also holds an appointment in the School of Graduate Studies at LSU Health New Orleans and serves as the Nurse Researcher at Children's Hospital New Orleans.

A native of Ruston, Louisiana, Dr. Chatmon earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2007) and Master of Science in Nursing Education (2010) from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge. She completed her PhD in Education with a focus in nursing education in 2016 at Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a Certified Nurse Educator and a Certified Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

Dr. Chatmon's academic and professional contributions span medical-surgical nursing, mental health nursing, education, research, and leadership. She has held multiple leadership roles within LSU Health New Orleans, including chairing the Clinical Affiliation and Nurse Executive Advisory Council, serving on academic councils and curriculum committees, and co-chairing the Evidence-Based Practice and Research Committee at Children's Hospital.

At the state level, Dr. Chatmon served as President of the Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) from 2023–2025, where she advanced nursing policy, legislative advocacy, and mentorship. Nationally, she serves on the Board of Directors for the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), co-chairs the NBNA Bylaws Committee, and contributes to the American Nurses Association's Project NextGen Advisory Group and Professional Practice Committee. Internationally, she serves as the North America Region 6 Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, and maintains active membership in several professional organizations, including the Southern Nursing Research Society, National League for Nursing, and the Association of Black Nursing Faculty.

Dr. Chatmon's research agenda is centered on nursing workforce diversity, mentorship, and clinical education. She serves as principal investigator and co-investigator on several evidence-based practice and research projects, including two HRSA-funded grants: the Nursing Workforce Diversity program and the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies (NEPQR-C FPA).

Her achievements have been recognized through numerous honors, including induction into the Louisiana Great 100 Nurses (2017), the CityBusiness Health Care Heroes Award (2019), the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Faculty, and selection as a 40 Under Forty honoree by both the Southern University Alumni Federation and LSNA. She is a fellow of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Elevating Leaders in Academic Nursing (ELAN) program, the AACN Diversity Leadership Institute, and the Association of Black Nursing Faculty Leadership & Public Policy Fellowship. In 2025, she will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Dr. Chatmon is also a veteran of the United States Army. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, where she served as a two-term president of her local alumnae chapter. Above all, she is most proud of her role as wife to Michael and mother to MJ and Mia.