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## What do Nurse Anthropologist Do? Applying Anthropological Pedagogy to Enrich Nursing Education

This presentation was developed from dissertation research on sudden death conducted in the emergency department in a large urban area in the U.S. and given to nursing students through the lens of a nurse anthropologist, who is a college professor and a bereaved parent. This case study format was delivered to illustrate how to provide anthropologically oriented pedagogy to nursing students and healthcare providers so that they might consider broader implications of clinically applied anthropological education. The researcher will conclude with making an argument for why such approaches are urgently needed to educate 21st century health care providers on contemporary ideas within the current social context of death and dying.

### Biography

Dr. Mary Eleanor Mitsch is a Nurse Anthropologist and Professor at Madonna University. She is Chair of the Health Sciences Department and the lead faculty in the area of population health care management. She is an end-of-life researcher presenting her data nationally and internationally related to meaning making during sudden death events. Her other research interests include auto ethnography and narrative. Committed to service, Dr. Mitsch serves on advisory committees and a review board. At Madonna University, she has received two awards: The Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation and the coveted Faculty Excellence Award from Graduating Seniors.

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