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Assistant Professor and Dietetics Graduate Program Director, Tennessee Tech University

Hutson has worked at TN Tech University since 2013, moving into the Graduate Program Director position in 2019. Prior to that, she worked in long-term care and with individuals with intellectual disabilities to provide medical nutrition therapy and nutrition education. Her research is focused on community nutrition and access to social assistance services in rural areas, resulting in a variety of publications, oral presentations, and poster presentations. She is currently serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Nutrition Terminology Reference Manual (eNCPT): Dietetics Language for Nutrition Care. Hutson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Ecology with a concentration in Nutrition and Dietetics from Tennessee Tech University, a Master of Science degree from East Tennessee State University, and a PhD in Exceptional Learning from Tennessee Tech University.

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Research Associate, Bern University of Applied Sciences, Division of Nutrition and Dietetics, Switzerland

Bucher's focus is on gastroenterology, Nutrition Care Process (Terminology) and Outcomes management. She works in the Nutrition Care Process Steering Group and the Quality Commission of the Swiss Association of Dietitians. Prior to her teaching career she worked as an RD in clinical and outpatient settings with a focus on gastroenterology, bariatrics, obesity, and clinical nutrition for several years. Bucher received a Bachelor of Science Degree in nutrition and dietetics from University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany and a Master of Science degree in nutrition and dietetics from Bern University of Applied Sciences, Bern, Switzerland.

Ashlee Carnahan, MS, RD, CLC, CPT

Education Section

Manager of Nutrition and Education Services, Dietetic Internship Director, Henry Ford Health

Carnahan has over a decade of clinical experience in the acute care setting in a level 1 trauma teaching institution at Henry Ford Hospital. Her key interest is following the Nutrition Care Process in high-risk surgical patients with enteral feeding and nutrition education needs. To ensure diversity in her strong clinical background, she sought outside certifications throughout her career as a certified personal trainer through the American Council on Exercise and Certified Lactation Counselor through the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice. Prior to her leadership role, she served as a mid-term review preceptor, ensuring competency in students and their ability to follow the Nutrition Care Process in high-risk patients. Carnahan enjoys educating the public through multiple facets. She has represented Henry Ford Health dietitians in multiple media publications and TV interviews and has educated grade-school age children on healthy eating and lifestyle. Carnahan received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University and Master of Science Degree from Central Michigan University.

Casey Colin, DCN, RDN, LDN, FAND[Education Section](#)

Assistant Professor and Director, Nutrition and Dietetics Undergraduate Programs, University of North Florida.

Colin spent 12 years as a clinical dietitian before changing careers into academia. Since then, she has focused on research measuring the impact of nutrition care on outcomes, which involves registry studies, nutrition informatics, and innovative pedagogical strategies infused with the Nutrition Care Process. Among her publications, she has recently co-authored five peer-reviewed journal articles related specifically to the Nutrition Care Process and Terminology. Colin serves as a member of the ANDHII Subcommittee of the Academy's Council on Research and is also a member of the Academy's Council on Future Practice. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in dietetics from South Dakota State University, and her Doctor of Clinical Nutrition degree from the University of North Florida.

Natalie Crew, RDN[Practice Section](#)

Clinical Nutrition Manager III, Sodexo Inc.

As the Clinical Nutrition Manager at Munson Healthcare, Crew is responsible for providing leadership and directing the implementation of the Nutrition Care Process in the acute care and outpatient clinical setting. She has worked extensively on the integration of the Nutrition Care Process within the electronic medical record to aid with systemization across the healthcare system. This includes oversight of 17 dietitians working in the acute care and various outpatient clinics. In addition, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics through Michigan State's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has worked in the acute care, long term care, general outpatient, and outpatient oncology settings. She is a Certified Ketogenic Nutrition Specialist through the American Nutrition Association and has a passion for serving oncology patients, especially those impacted by brain tumors.

Saralyn F. Foster, MS, RDN, LD[Practice Section](#)

Doctoral Candidate / Teaching Assistant / Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

Foster's dissertation research focuses on associations between dietary quality during complementary feeding with later growth and body composition. She is passionate about maternal and child nutrition research, especially during the first 1000 days. Prior to returning to school, Foster worked for 13 years as a dietitian in clinical, food service and community positions, and as an adjunct faculty. Foster received a BS in Nutritional Sciences from Texas A&M University, College Station, an MS in Health and Kinesiology from the University of Texas at San Antonio and is entering her 5th year in the Nutrition Sciences PhD program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Swarna Koneru, MS, RD[Implementation Section](#)

Clinical Dietitian, Kaiser Permanente

Koneru is a registered dietitian at Kaiser with over 15 years of clinical experience as an inpatient dietitian. She specializes in nutrition support with a focus on critically ill cardiac patients. She focused on treating malnutrition in hospitalized adults and conducted a malnutrition pilot project that led to capturing malnourished patients early in their hospital stay. She is experienced with the nutrition care process, volunteered at the Academy's data science center, and contributed to a pilot study that

standardized NCP terminology. Swarna received her Master of Science in Nutritional Science from the University of San Jose.

Mary Marian, DCN, RDN, FAND, FASPEN

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Professor of Practice, School of Nutritional Sciences and Wellness, University of Arizona

Marian's professional training includes completing a master's degree, dietetic internship and doctorate in clinical nutrition. She created a clinical MNT series of three classes within the DPD program which has been in place for 8 years. She has been involved in a number of Academy activities including being the chair of DNS and the Research committee as well as a member of the Standardized Language and Quality Management committees. She will become co-chair of the IPE NDEP sub-committee in September.

Sandra D. Roberts, MS, RD, LD CNSC

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Lecturer, Texas State University

Roberts has practiced in the adult acute care setting for 25 years and has worked in other community and clinical settings during her almost 40-year career. She served on the Advance Practice Certification Committee and the User Advisory Group for the NCPT. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics and food science from Iowa State University, Master of Science degree in nutrition from Rutgers University and completed her Dietetic Internship in the US Army.

Dana M. Scheunemann, PhD, MS, RD, CD

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Assistant Professor Integrated Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics and Master of Science-Dietetics at Mount Mary University.

Scheunemann currently serves on the Nutrition Care Manual Board of Editors, The Journal of Dietetic Education Board of Editors, and the Evidence Analysis Library: Dietary Approaches and Health Outcomes workgroup expert panel- patient advocate. Last year she received Outstanding Dietetics Educator- US North Central Region award from NDEP. She teaches Medical Nutrition Therapy 1 & 2, Nutrition Research, and Nutrition for Fitness and Sports at Mount Mary University. In addition, she teaches Introduction to Food/Nutrition Science at Colorado Christian University and is a Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Coach for the Kettle Moraine YMCA. Scheunemann received her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences from UW Steven Point. She received her Doctorate in Public Health- Epidemiology emphasis from Walden University.

Chunyun Xiao, MCN, MS, RD-AP, LD, CNSC, CMI, FAND

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Senior Dietitian, Baylor Scott and White Institute of Rehabilitation

Xiao focuses on delivering comprehensive nutrition care to acute rehabilitation patients with neurological and musculoskeletal conditions such as spinal cord injury and dysphagia, and to cultural communities of Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese speaking. She has trained and worked in applied clinical research for ten years. She is a Board of Editor for Nutrition Care Manual and serves on national committees for both the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. Chunyun received a BS from University of Florida in food science and human nutrition, a MS from Stony Brook University in biomedical sciences, and a MCN from University of Texas Southwest Medical Center in clinical nutrition.