

Biographical Statement

Hello, I am Dr. C. Victoria "Vicky" Framil Suarez, a Clinical Associate Professor at FIU in Miami, FL, with an educational background in nursing and health policy, with scholarly interests focused on gerontological nursing, dementia care, and mental health in older adults. In my current role, I am responsible for teaching, research, and service, including mentoring students and advancing evidence-based practice related to aging, Alzheimer's disease, and health policy. I am actively involved in the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) and currently serve as Co Chair of the Gero Psychiatry Special Interest Group (SIG). My recent GAPNA-related work includes the submission of a clinical pearl for a GAPNA publication and collaboration with GAPNA members on two scholarly articles, one addressing anxiety in patients with dementia and another focused on the importance of The Gerontological Specialist – Certified (GS C) certification for primary care providers. I am also a participant in the GAPNA Leadership Fellows Program, where I continue to develop leadership skills and contribute to advancing gerontological advanced practice nursing.

Ballot Statement

Through service on the GAPNA Nominating Committee, I hope to help identify and encourage members who are passionate about gerontological advanced practice to step into leadership roles. I am especially interested in supporting a selection process that values diverse experiences, practice settings, and perspectives, while highlighting members committed to excellence in care for older adults.

Through my service, I hope GAPNA continues to build a strong, inclusive leadership pipeline that supports mentorship, engagement, and professional growth. By helping connect members with leadership opportunities that align with their interests and strengths, I hope GAPNA will continue to grow as a supportive, forward thinking organization that empowers advanced practice nurses to lead and advocate for older adults.