

OU Nursing instructor earns national recognition from UPCEA



Mary Angela Baker, chair of the UPCEA Association Awards Committee, presents the Adelle F. Robertson Emerging Professional Continuing Educator Award to Kim Holka of Oakland University at their annual meeting held this year in Seattle. Holka was chosen for this award from more than 6,000 UPCEA members.

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[Kimberly Holka](#), DNP, MSN, MSA, RN, APHN-BC, CNE, full-time adjunct instructor and RN-BSN degree completion coordinator, has been awarded the 2019 Adelle F. Robertson Emerging Professional Continuing Educator Award winner by the [University Professional and Continuing Education Association](#) (UPCEA).

This national award recognizes scholarship, leadership and contributions to the profession by a person who has entered the field within the past five to 10 years.

Judy Didion, Ph.D., RN, dean of the Oakland University School of Nursing, lauded Holka's recognition by saying "Kim's investment in the development and success of our high-quality, cost-effective online RN to BSN program demonstrates her commitment to providing a seamless and accessible option for RNs wanting to continue their education. She is a difference maker and deserving of this award."

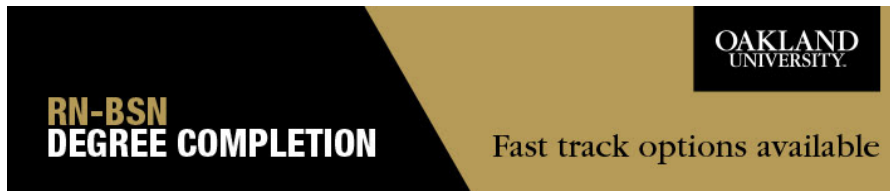
Holka was one of [10 individuals and six programs to be recognized](#) at this year's UPCEA's annual conference that was held in Seattle at the end of March.

"Serving contemporary learners with innovative and impactful education is at the core of professional, continuing and online education," said Mary Angela Baker, director of the Center for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning at Salisbury University, and chair of the UPCEA Association Awards Committee. "This year's award recipients exemplify the breadth and depth of the contributions UPCEA members bring to the field."

Baker went on say about the award's namesake, "Adelle Robertson served the UPCEA with distinction and dedication, setting an example for those who would follow. The Adelle F. Robertson Emerging Continuing Professional Educator Award recognizes professionals who demonstrate similar commitment and promise."

"It was terrific to see Kim honored at our national meeting and bring such positive attention to Oakland University and our PACE and Nursing programs," added [Lori Crose](#), director of [Professional and Continuing Education at OU](#). "She definitely makes our program stronger and helps our students reach new heights in their professional development."

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