Trish Kohan, RN, MSN
Instructor of Nursing

Trish Kohan received her Bachelors of Nursing Science from Ohio State University in 1981 and her Masters of Nursing Education from Walden University 2010. She began her nursing career with a desire to help others and to challenge herself with the innovation and life-long learning that nursing brings. She has an interest in global health and health disparities and hopes to make an impact through nursing education.

Trish’s teaching focus has been in acute/end of life care, population health and epidemiology.

PRACTICE HIGHLIGHTS:

Trish began her nursing career in 1980 at Ohio State University Hospital in the surgical intensive care unit. On relocating to Juneau Alaska 1982, she worked in practice and as a supervisor in critical care and ICU as well as ER at Bartlett Regional Hospital. From 1992 – 1998 Trish served as a case manager and hospice nurse for Hospice and Homecare of Juneau. She returned to acute care working in oncology practice and then moved to surgical services at Bartlett Regional Hospital from 2005-2008. In 2008 Trish moved to Ashland Oregon and worked for Providence Hospice until her move to OHSU in 2009.

Trish’s contributions to the OHSU community include:

Past: Sigma Theta Tau, secretary and membership chair

Current: OHSU/SON Undergraduate Council, Ashland Representative
OHSU Global Task Force
OHSU Diversity Committee
Faculty Advisor to Nursing Students Without Borders, Ashland Chapter
Ashland Curriculum Committee Chair
Safety in Practice
Trish emphasizes creating a safe environment for patients by working with students on incorporating Quality and Safety (QSEN) competencies in their practice. She developed a safety simulation in collaboration with simulation faculty highlighting the QSEN competencies. Her focus is to help students understand the importance of the nursing role in positive patient outcomes by incorporating safe-care competencies into their practice.

Global Service Learning
Most recently in spring 2015 Trish was the clinical faculty for a study abroad program between the Ashland campus of OHSU School of Nursing and the University of Guanajuato Mexico, School of Nursing (UGTO). This was the result of her collaboration with the faculty in Guanajuato and OHSU in the successful application for a Global Service Learning grant to support the study exchange between the two universities. She traveled to Mexico with eight junior nursing students for their populations coursework. The focus of the clinical experience was around obesity and nutrition with students participating in community assessments in the village of Puentecillas in Guanajuato. Trish says that “watching the students gain a sense of cultural competence in working with impoverished communities and seeing how they impacted the health and wellness of this underserved population was heartening”.