

# PROFILES IN SUSTAINABILITY



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### THE SUSTAINABLE VISION

With a passion for sustainability, Melinda has been a prime figure in reimagining nursing education. Her lifelong passion for sustainability, community, and the environment has fueled her dedication to integrating such elements into the nursing program.

### CURRICULUM INNOVATION

Beginning with the Winter 2026 academic term at COCC, NUR 207 will be assigned a sustainability designation. It will have another learning outcome: “Analyze the major environmental, social and economic challenges and potential solutions of our time using a system thinking approach.” Beginning in the Fall 2027 term, NUR 112 and NUR 107 will also be assigned a sustainability designation.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

As a co-lead for CHIRP (Community Health Investigative Report Presentation “Empowering Nurses”), Melinda has inspired students to research and evaluate local public health needs. This helps nursing students bridge the gap between classroom material and real-world applications.

