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Dr. Fry-Bowers is Dean and Professor at the University of San Francisco School of Nursing and Health Professions. She began her tenure at USF on July 1, 2022 following academic and administration positions at the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science and Office of the Provost. Her academic experience includes faculty and leadership appointments in Schools of Nursing, Medicine and Public Health, and she has experience teaching a variety of courses across all levels of nursing education and graduate level public health. Dr. Fry-Bowers is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and currently serves as Chair for the Expert Panel on Child, Adolescent and Family. She holds editorial board positions on the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, and *Policy, Politics and Nursing Practice* and is currently the Guest Editor for a special issue on the impact of COVID-19 on children and youth with special health care needs for the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*. She was selected as a Faculty Policy Fellow for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and served two terms on the Health Policy Advisory Council for AACN. Most recently, she served on the AACN Essentials Task Force, which was charged with re-envisioning the Essentials.

Her extensive clinical experience spans multiple health care settings, including acute care facilities, specialty and community-based clinics, and military institutions. She is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner (CPNP), a licensed attorney, and a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

She has authored multiple journal articles and book chapters in seminal nursing and health care texts on advocacy, child health, and health policy.

Dr. Fry-Bowers received her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Loma Linda University School of Nursing; her master's degree from the University of Rochester School of Nursing; and her Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, from Whittier Law School, where she was awarded the Dean's Citation Award for service to the law school community and the public. She received her PhD from UCLA School of Nursing, with an emphasis in health services, where she was awarded a Chancellor's Fellowship and named a University of California Regents Scholar. Her dissertation research focused on the association of maternal health literacy with structures, processes and outcomes of care in pediatric populations. She completed a federally funded post-doctoral fellowship at UCLA in the care of vulnerable populations research with a focus on child health policy. She has also completed several additional professional fellowships addressing higher education, health law, occupational licensing and regulation, and health policy.

Her current research and policy interests, which broadly focus on child and family health, as well as the nursing profession, fall into three categories: examining the impact of social policies on child and family health and well-being; exploring the impact of legislative and regulatory change on the delivery of pediatric health services; and investigating healthcare workforce education, practice, legal and ethics issues, especially regarding the care of vulnerable and underserved populations.