



Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD

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About Dr. Maurana

Since joining MCW in 1995, Dr. Maurana has been responsible for expanding the Medical College of Wisconsin's interinstitutional academic efforts and fostering collaboration among existing and new partners. She is known for her strategic and visionary thinking, as well as her commitment to collaboration, mentorship and women's leadership.

History of Employment

In her career at MCW, Dr. Maurana has been the catalyst for several large initiatives, including:

- Serves as Founding Director of the Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine, including leadership for its Bridging Across Differences toward Flourishing Initiative.
- Provides leadership for advancing gender equity to the Center for the Advancement of Women in Science and Medicine.
- Provided 19 years of leadership for the \$450M AHW Endowment, moving from grantmaking to changemaking.
- Served as Founding Director for the Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education.
- Led development of MCW's regional medical education campuses and the creation of the MCW School of Pharmacy.
- Launched PhD in Public and Community Health.
- Served as first Senior Associate Dean for Public and Community Health, Founding Director for the Institute for Health and Society, and Founding Director for the AHW Endowment.

Education and Recognition

Dr. Maurana received her BA from Seton Hill College and PhD in Sociology from Purdue, completing a four-year U.S. Public Health Service Fellowship in health services research. She received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Seton Hill in 2007, the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Women of Influence Award in 2008, and the *BizTimes's* Health Care Hero Award in 2019. In 2016, she received the MCW Distinguished Service Award, the highest tribute to faculty who have made significant and influential contributions over a sustained period and in 2022 she received the MCW Honorary Alumna Award. In 2023, Dr. Maurana was awarded the MCW Eminent Scholar designation that recognizes exceptional academic and scholarly achievement. The designation is the highest recognition of academic excellence for faculty members at MCW.

Career Highlights

Dr. Maurana has received national recognition for her work in public health research and community-academic partnerships, the focus of her academic work. She has built local, statewide and national collaborations. Dr. Maurana has been the principal or co-investigator on nearly 60 grants in health services research and community health research and the transformation of medical education. She has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals, and consistently presented her work at local, state, and national meetings. She continues her transformative work with the creation and leadership of the Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine (KNN), a collaboration of medical schools advancing change in medical education and the profession of medicine to promote human flourishing. Dr. Maurana has provided leadership for a transformative investment in MCW from the Kern Family Foundation totaling nearly \$88M over ten years.