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WCSI Pilots New Caritas Coach Education Program® in partnership with Kaiser Permanente® Nurse Scholars Academy

Deerfield Beach, FL: Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) and [Dr. Jean Watson](#) are proud to announce the launch of a new pilot project in partnership with [Kaiser Permanente Nurse Scholars Academy](#) (KPNSA). This 'in-house' Caritas Coach Education Program (CCEP) within KPNSA, is entitled "KP CCEP" and will be led by KP Caritas Coach® Certified faculty under the direction of WCSI CCEP Director Dr. Lori Gdanetz.

"This landmark pilot program is the first time CCEP is being offered outside of WCSI. Both KP and WCSI are passionate advocates for education and leadership in nursing," says [Dr. Lori Gdanetz](#), WCSI CCEP Program Director. "This is a significant step forward in our journey towards excellence in patient care for all."

"The Caritas Coach Education Program is a unique blend of theoretical and practical learning, designed to deepen our understanding and application of Caring Science. This approach aligns perfectly with Kaiser Permanente's commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care," says [Dr. Jim D'Alfonso](#), Regional Executive Director, Professional Excellence and the KP Nurse Scholars Academy.

"The aim of the KP CCEP program is to cultivate a robust Caritas Coaching community of practice. This community will be a platform where knowledge, experiences, and best practices in Caring Science are shared, enhancing our ability to serve our patients and communities with the highest quality of care."

To launch the program, Dr. Gdanetz and Dr. Watson facilitated a three day session with KP CCEP faculty to begin the journey. "It has always been my dream to have a Caritas Coach on every unit in every hospital," said Dr. Jean Watson, Founder/Director of WCSI. "This program creates a momentous leap for this dream to be realized."

Once evaluation of the pilot has been conducted, WCSI will license this 'in-house' program to all eligible Affiliates.

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Dr. Jim D'Alfonso and Dr. Jean Watson

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For more information about the Caritas Coach Education Program, please visit:
watsoncaringscience.org/ccep/.

About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI): The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories, and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science, founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), WCSI's Founder & Director. Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership, and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Watson's Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments through various educational programs, nurse scientific research, partnerships, events and affiliations. For more information, please visit www.watsoncaringscience.org.

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