

Prof. Madeleine Mukeshimana

Full Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Research Committee in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Rwanda

Prof. Madeleine Mukeshimana is a distinguished Nurse Educator, Researcher, and Leader with over a decade of academic and professional experience in advancing nursing education, community health, and health policy in Rwanda. She serves as a Full Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Research Committee in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Rwanda. She also completed postdoctoral studies at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. She is also the 1st Vice president of Rwanda Nurses and Midwives union. This is one only union of nurses and midwives in Rwanda that counts about 10,000 active members.

Since joining the University of Rwanda in 2011, Prof. Mukeshimana has held major academic leadership roles, including Deputy Dean and Acting Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery (2016–2022). She has led the development and review of nursing curricula nationwide and contributed to key national health policy reforms. Her expertise spans nursing education, leadership, mental health, and community health interventions, particularly targeting vulnerable populations such as women, children, and youth.

As a strong advocate for gender equality and sexual and reproductive health rights in Rwanda, she consults with the CERTA Foundation, contributing to research, advocacy, and capacity building to prevent gender-based violence and promote equitable access to health services. Her research portfolio includes implementation of the Collaborative Care Model in Rwanda's district hospitals, significantly improving care for patients experiencing both medical and mental health conditions.

Prof. Mukeshimana is an internationally recognized scholar with **68 peer-reviewed publications** in reputable journals including *BMC Health Services Research*, *Journal of Global Health*, *PLOS One*, *BMJ Open*, and *Women's Health*. She has been awarded multiple competitive research grants as Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator in collaboration with institutions such as the University of Michigan, the East African Community, and the University of Rwanda–Sweden Program. She continues to mentor future generations of researchers, currently supervising PhD and Master's students locally and internationally.

Her professional service includes leadership and representation at national and global levels. She serves as Vice President of the Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Union, member of the Rwanda Nursing Council, and member of the ICN Education Advisory Committee representing Africa. She has served on the Scientific Committees for the 23rd ICN Congress (Montreal), ICN 2025 Congress (Helsinki), and chaired the Scientific Committee of the 2021 African International Health Conference. She is also a proud inductee of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and a graduate of the ICN Leadership for Change/ODENNA Program.

Prof. Mukeshimana remains committed to shaping nursing science, strengthening health systems, and advancing equitable access to care for all communities across Rwanda and beyond.