



**Ellie Marsh MN, RN
President WW-NAHN**



Ellie Marsh is a native of Chile and has lived in Seattle since 1982. She is a nurse leader and advocate for health equity, diversity and inclusion in nursing. After approximately 25 years of practice with an ADN degree, and driven by her desire to advocate for equity in education and health for Latinx populations, Ellie set out to earn a BSN followed by the Masters in Community Health Nursing.

While an RN-BSN student, Ellie increased her community-based practice with a focus on Latinx health, by partnering with local *Promotoras de Salud*, to help address health disparities affecting many Latinx communities living in South King County. In addition, she sought to increase her impact in nursing workforce diversity by becoming a Washington Center for Nursing Diversity Initiative Member. In 2013, at graduation from the University of Washington Bothell, she was awarded the President's Medal.

While pursuing her Master's degree (class '15) from the UW School of Nursing, Ellie partnered with UW leaders and five Latinx nurses to co-found the Western Washington Chapter of The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (WW-NAHN). She was elected WW-NAHN's founding president in August 2014, and re-elected in 2016 and 2019. Under her leadership, WW-NAHN created the 2015 and 2016 UW School of Nursing & WW-NAHN Scholarship to benefit Latinx students; built a relationship with Washington Governor's University, resulting in continuing year-round scholarships for Latinx nursing students. During Ellie's second term as president, she was instrumental in WW-NAHN receiving \$11,000 from Salal Credit Union and \$1,500 from Gerardo Campos to fund the WW-NAHN Equity Scholarship for Latinx Nursing Students enrolled in nursing school.

In addition to practice in community-based nursing work and WW-NAHN leadership, Ellie is clinical faculty at the UW School of Nursing, and board member in two local grassroots social justice organizations.

Ellie believes that health and education equality can be achieved through unapologetic equity, diversity and inclusion goals and strategies. She maintains that nurses play a pivotal role in advocating for changes in societal and institutional health systems for the advancement of those most marginalized and underserved.