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### **Public health and nursing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

It will define of public health and its subsets, that is epidemiology and biostatistics, health promotion, environmental and occupational health, health policy and management will be discussed. The links between public health and community nursing health science will be explored. The role, the uses, of public health for nursing, particularly for research, the effects in Southern Africa, will be explored, and comparisons with the USA will be made. The importance of the interconnection between Public Health and Community Nursing with regards MPH curricula, and dual concentration, and for Transformation of the Health systems will be articulated. It will examine how Community Health Nursing Science can have a larger share in Public health. Some emphasis will be placed on the curriculum and research using Epidemiologic and Biostatistical methods. The aim of the presentation is to put the conference in context, and to set the pace.

### **Biography**

Shinga Feresu is a professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, completed her PhD in Epidemiology from The University of Michigan in 2001, USA, and Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University, USA in 1995. She obtained her postgraduate degree in Nursing (Community Health Nursing Science and Nursing Education) from the University of South Africa (UNISA) in 1989. She has taught at The University of Michigan, is Contributing Faculty at Walden University, USA. Since 2010; taught at The University of Nebraska Medical Center, USA, and Indiana University School of Public Health, Bloomington USA, before migrating to South Africa November 2014. She was an Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Pretoria until June 2018. She is an Online Module Developer, and Instructor at the University of Johannesburg, and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Fort Hare (SA). Prof Feresu has published more than 25 papers in reputed journals and has been a peer reviewer from more than 25 journals. Prof Feresu has supervised more than 50 students in her career.

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