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In this issue, we share articles that are thought provoking. Nichole Parker writes about “Facilitating Trauma-Informed Pedagogy”. She presents an argument on some of the challenges faced by trauma survivors to achieve learning outcomes given that trauma can impact how learners learn. As educators, it important to gain some insights and understand how trauma survivors learn in order to provide relevant supports. In her second article, Parker reviewed literature related to addiction stigma and arts-based learning and pedagogical strategies that can reduce stigma and meet social justice learning outcomes. Parkers encourages educators to use artistic pedagogical technologies to design social justice learning outcomes with an anti-discriminatory framework. In the third manuscript, Lawrence Onwuegbuchunam reflects on the possibility that healthy
spirituality and healthy religious practices, together with psychotherapy and pharmacologic interventions, could be effective in the treatment of anxiety disorders and other mental health conditions. Lawrence challenges us to consider issues related to spirituality in healthcare. The fourth article is a literature review by Jamie Tycholiz where she presents an intriguing argument on the impact of role ambiguity in healthcare. Jamie pointed out that lack of clarity on roles creates challenges for nurses, employers, educators and regulatory bodies. The fifth manuscript by Carol Reid and her colleagues evaluates an innovative student nurse placement model developed in rural Australia through a multidisciplinary partnership. The authors challenge us to reflect on student nurse placement models that enhance students’ learning experiences as they develop relevant knowledge and skills.

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