

Summary of the Nominee's Most Significant Qualifications and Achievements

Educational Background and Training

Prof. Melflor A. Atienza is a direct entrant and graduate of the Integrated Arts and Medicine Medical Degree from the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines Manila. She obtained the degree of Master of Health Professions Education (MHPed) from the National Teacher Training Center for the Health Professions (NTTCHP), also from UP Manila. She completed further training in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology from the Philippine General Hospital, and Japan's Kameda Medical Center and Saint Luke's International Hospital.

These combined academic degrees and further clinical training developed in Dr. Atienza an expertise in the fields of medical education, health professions education, gastroenterology, and medicine. She is the only practicing medical clinician-educator at NTTCHP. She performs multiple roles from patient care, to clinical teaching of her medical students, residents, and fellows, to handling graduate courses in health professions education not only to medical but other professionals in health. Dr. Atienza holds the unique blend of expertise in teaching, leading and managing not only educational programs but also organizations and institutions training present and future health professionals. Dr. Atienza also has Authority to Teach appointment at the UP College of Medicine.

Dedication to Health Professions Education (HPEd)

Her sterling track record of 16 years of consistent outstanding performance as UP faculty attests to her commitment to health professions education and lifelong learning. Dr. Atienza has kept the record of having Excellent Ratings in the Student Evaluation of Teachers for the last fifteen years at NTTCHP. As proof of her strong desire to improve her craft, she has been recognized as UP Manila's Outstanding Teacher twice, in 2006 and in 2012.

Through the years, she has grown not only in her knowledge of the fields of education and medicine but also in teaching, leading, managing, and innovating HPEd programs. Through constant innovations, she has developed relevant curricular designs and training packages for her students, colleagues, and institutions. Her instructional resources both in clinical teaching and HPEd reflect her strong grasp of integrating advance technology with best evidence andragogic approaches in a variety of settings from individualized learning to large group teaching, from the classroom to the virtual learning environment, and the clinics.

Her passion for teaching is also shown in the time and efforts she puts into training medical students, residents and fellows. In conferences, preceptorships

and bedside teaching sessions, she carefully diagnoses the patient's condition and the learners' knowledge gaps and addresses both, while instilling in the latter the ethical practice of the profession.

Administrative Experience

As the incumbent dean of NTTCHP, Professor Atienza led the college to an impressive curriculum development and revision of all three academic programs that the college is offering. These are the Doctor of Health Professions Education, which to date is the only one of its kind in the country and the only one offered in English in the Asia Pacific Region. The Basic Course in Health Professions Education was abolished with the revision of the curriculum. However, plans are on its way to offering Online Certificate Courses for health professions teachers who prefer short-term courses to formal academic degrees.

She managed to set up Quality Management System in the College a year before UP Manila had its ISO audit of the different units. These aimed to improve operational efficiency and monitor productivity of personnel and the unit as a whole.

To provide professional and personal support to both faculty and staff, she implemented the College's mentoring program. Series of in-house training of administrative staff and REPS was conducted by the dean herself. Among the topics covered were Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Basic English communication skills, typing. Health and wellness programs included a series of seminars on wellness, health and wellness day, exercise program, ukulele class, and NTTCHP family prayer time.

Networking with other organizations, agencies and international partner universities also increased the College's reach.

Her administrative positions have prepared her for planning, leading, organizing, and running educational institutions and programs. The various continuing professional development programs that she has designed and implemented, as Chair of the Office of Extension and Continuing Education, enable NTTCHP to reach and train health professions teachers, institutions, and professional organizations, both locally and internationally. These programs include the free monthly seminars, the annual interuniversity workshops, biennial national conferences, and other workshops and short-term programs that tackle popular and controversial issues in curriculum design, delivery strategies, evaluation, and research.

Scholarship

Prof. Atienza's researches, creative works reflect the importance she places on scholarship. Her lectures and presentations are always supported by well-founded principles and available evidence in literature. In all her classes, she encourages students in critical analysis of literature related to the subject matter. Students find this a fertile ground for their future research.

Commitment to Excellent Service

Her entire career as teacher and physician was spent serving the University, its patients, and colleagues in the health professions. This loyalty and willingness to serve are the fruit of her passion for teaching, dedication to service, love for her patients and students and commitment to the Lord, the greatest Teacher and Physician of all.