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Associate Professor Frank Donnelly is the Dean and Head of Adelaide Nursing School at the University of Adelaide. His nursing career began at the Royal Adelaide Hospital after graduation from the University of South Australia in 1994. After graduate training in neurosurgical nursing Frank moved to work in Intensive Care, where he spent most of his clinical working life, completing post graduate qualifications and a Master of Nursing, with a thesis examining the lived experience of a tracheostomy tube change. Frank completed a PhD, a study which combined his primary interest in nursing knowledge and the role of clinical placement experiences and continues to research a wide variety of health care issues. Frank is an Education Specialist and Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK). In 2019 Frank was awarded The Stephen Cole the Elder Award for Excellence, the University of Adelaide's premier learning and teaching award. This award recognises the University's highest achievers in teaching, support of teaching, and supervisory practices.