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Dr. Michael Evans is an international leader in nursing and nursing education. Dr. Evans is Dean and Grover E. Murray Professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. He was previously the President and Chief Nursing Officer of Barnes-Jewish College and Founding Dean of the Goldfarb School of Nursing in St. Louis for 5 years. He was in hospital administration for 25 years before his career bridged to academic administration.

Dr. Evans was with Texas Health Resources for 12 years, first as Chief Nurse Officer of Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and then as the system's first Chief Learning Officer. Prior to joining Texas Health Services in 1995, Dr. Evans was Chief Nursing Officer at St. David's Health Care System in Austin, Texas for 7 years and Chief Nursing Officer at Northwest Texas Health Care System in Amarillo, Texas for 6 years. He helped to establish the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in Amarillo, one of the first in the nation.

Dr. Evans served as President of the Texas Nurses Association and was on the board of directors of the American Nurses Association for 8 years, first as Chair of the Constituent Assembly, then as Secretary and then Treasurer. Dr. Evans completed two terms as President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the largest nurse credentialing organization in the world, providing individual credentialing in nursing specialty certifications and organizational credentialing through the Magnet Hospital Recognition Program and the Pathway to Excellence Program.