





National Nurses United and the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, introduce **Gendered Professions and the Transnational Care Economy** for an online certificate program in Women's Global Health Leadership. **Gendered Professions and the Transnational Care Economy** is offered online through Rutgers University eCollege during the fall semester of 2015.

## **Gendered Professions and the Transnational Care Economy (Course Number**

**01:988:414)** examines how nursing and other women-dominated professions lie at the heart of what is known as the "care economy." Involving work that requires intensive physical labor, person-to-person communication, and spatial proximity, the intimate nature of care work resists mechanization. In contrast to the production of commodities, the highly personalized labor of care is driven by human need rather than profit maximization. Focused on the cultivation and preservation of human capacities, nursing and other professions at the heart of the care economy resist routinization and automation. The course culminates in an exploration of recent efforts to heighten the profit-making potential of the care economy, and it considers the long-term implication of efforts to deskill and outsource care work.