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Dr. Marilyn Swan earned her PhD in Nursing from South Dakota State University and has devoted her career to nursing education, rural health, family nursing, and simulation pedagogy. Her research focuses on rural nursing theory, family-centered care, and the use of simulation to enhance nursing education and clinical practice.

Dr. Swan is a published scholar with numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters addressing rural nursing concepts, family nursing, nurse self-efficacy, and simulation-based learning. Her work has contributed to advancing understanding of rural healthcare experiences and strengthening the preparation of nurses to provide family-focused care across diverse practice settings.

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