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De Ruiter was named Researcher of the Year in 2012 by the Minnesota Nurses Association. In 2011, he received the Global Citizen Award from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is a member of the American Nurses Association, Minnesota Nurses Association, International Family Nursing Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Midwestern Nursing Research Society, American Medical Informatics Association, and The Society for the Study of Social Problems.

He is a member of the Minnesota Nurses Association Ethics Committee and a member of the Minnesota Nurses Association Foundation Board. His community/volunteer activities include working as a member of a Minneapolis group focusing on mental health in the community and volunteering for the Embassy of the Netherlands as a prisoner visitor. He is a co-facilitator of a mindful parenting program.

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“Thanks to Excelsior I was able to obtain my degree in three years by systematically testing out of subjects by taking equivalency exams. Obtaining my BSN degree made the biggest change in my career. Within months of obtaining my degree through Excelsior, I was not only hired into a manager position at the Mayo Clinic, but I also was in graduate school—which led to obtaining my PhD.”

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