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Dr. Sheldon Fields is a nursing educator, practitioner, researcher, policy analyst, administrator, and entrepreneur. He graduated from Binghamton University with a BS in nursing in 1991, and a MS in Family Nursing in 1995 becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. He completed his PhD in nursing science at the University of Pennsylvania and post-doctoral work in the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California San Francisco. He is a well-known HIV prevention research scientist who has maintained a primary focus on HIV prevention and treatment among underserved people of color populations. Dr. Fields holds certification as an Advanced AIDS Certified Registered Nurse, and board certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Sheldon is a lifetime member of the National Black Nurses Association and currently serves as the association's 14th national President (2023 – 2025). In 2020 he was appointed to be the inaugural Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion | Research Professor in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing at Penn State University. Also, he was the first ever male Registered Nurse selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship Program in which he served as a policy adviser to then Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) on the Senate HELP committee during the historic healthcare reform debates and passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Sheldon owns the S.D.F. Group LLC, a health innovations consultant company. In 2020, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners honored him with the Towers Pinnacle Award. A former academic nursing dean, he holds fellowship status in the National Academies of Practice, in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and in the American Academy of Nursing.

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