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Dr. Ann Gakumo is an associate professor and Dr. Greer Glazer endowed chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. In her inaugural role, she leads the college's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts, and is currently guiding the development of a strategic plan to advance this mission through teaching, research, and service activities.

A national leader in health disparities research, Gakumo was one of just 12 PhD-prepared nurses selected nationwide for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars Program before it was sunset in 2017. During her academic career, she has provided her expertise in increasing workforce diversity, improving holistic admissions processes, and establishing best practices for embedding DEI concepts into nursing curricula.

She earned her master's preparation and doctor of philosophy in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Tuskegee University.