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Edward O'Neil is a Professor in the Departments of Family and Community Medicine, Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences (School of Nursing) at the University of California, San Francisco. He also serves as the Director of the Center for the Health Professions, a research, advocacy and training institute which he created to assist health care professionals, health professions schools, care delivery organizations and public policy makers understand the challenges and opportunities of educating and managing a health care workforce capable of improving the health and well being of people and their communities.

The Center for the Health Professions houses a number of initiatives that are designed to understand and address the issues facing health care and health professionals. The Center's programs include the Pew Scholars Programs in the Biomedical Sciences, the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program, the California Health Care Foundation's Health Care Leadership Program, the Integrated Nurse Leadership Program, the Pharmacy Leadership Institute, the Health Workforce Tracking Collaborative, the LEADing Organizational Change Program and the Clinic Leadership Initiative.

Dr. O'Neil served as the Executive Director of the Pew Health Professions Commission from 1989 through 1999; the Commission was a nationally recognized advocacy group focused on reform in health workforce issues. He has published numerous articles, chapters and books on this and other work. He is or has served as a consultant to the World Health Organization, Government of New Zealand, Rockefeller Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Fetzer Institute, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, California HealthCare Foundation as well as a number of federal, state and institutional agencies. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Alabama and a Master's of Public Administration and Doctorate in History from Syracuse University. In addition he has received honorary degrees from New York Medical College, the Western University of Health Sciences and two other Universities. In 2003 he was elected to an honorary Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing.