Concordia-Chicago welcomes Ms. Karen Calendo as an assistant professor of health care management. Calendo comes to Concordia-Chicago’s Accelerated Degree Program having served in community mental health for over 20 years.

Throughout Ms. Calendo’s professional career, she has served in multiple roles: health care management facilitator for various taskforces and coalitions; grant writer with expertise in program design and implementation; TBI clinical panel administrator; and community educator.

Ms. Calendo comes to Concordia-Chicago from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she served as an associate director and associate instructor. Calendo holds a BA in Sociology and Social Work from Central Missouri State University and an MA in Management and Leadership from Webster University. She is in the process of completing her Doctorate in Business Administration from Argosy University.

Ms. Calendo values her faith. She holds social justice issues near to her heart. She is the proud mother of two children. Through Catholic Charities, Ms. Calendo has been both a group home mother and foster mother to children in the Department of Children and Family Services system. In her free time, she likes to run, go to farmers’ markets, and spend time with friends and family.