



*Nurse Faculty*  
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American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
ADVANCING HIGHER EDUCATION IN NURSING

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The **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** is the recognized leader in providing faculty development opportunities and resources for nurse educators teaching in baccalaureate and graduate programs. AACN encourages professional growth and engagement in the organization through an extensive array of faculty services, including:

- Conferences and Regional Courses
- Leadership Development Programs
- Funding Opportunity Alerts
- Scholarships and Award Programs
- Government Advocacy Information
- Career Advancement Resources
- Networking with Colleagues
- Resources for New and Future Faculty



For more details on all of AACN's services for nurse educators, visit the online Nurse Faculty Resource Center found at **[www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty)**.



## **Conferences & Regional Courses**

More than 3,000 nurse educators attend AACN's conferences each year making these offerings the preferred professional development option for baccalaureate and graduate nursing program faculty. See [www.aacn.nche.edu/Conferences](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Conferences).

- **Doctoral, Master's and Baccalaureate Conferences.** Offered every year these dynamic conferences focus on topics of particular interest to faculty teaching in professional nursing programs.
- **Faculty Practice and Hot Issues Conferences.** Scheduled every other year, these conferences alternately address operational concerns for educators focused on faculty practice and emerging issues of general concern to all faculty, such as simulation.
- **End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Training Courses.** The award-winning ELNEC program offers train-the-trainer courses and a rich variety of resources for faculty interested in enhancing their ability to teach end-of-life nursing care.
- **Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) Faculty Development Institutes.** Funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, these institutes provide educators with the skills and state-of-the-art resources needed to imbed best geriatric nursing practices in senior-level baccalaureate curricula.

## **JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

The *Instructional Leadership Network* (ILN) is comprised of nurse faculty responsible for educational programs, including curriculum development experts and faculty with teaching and/or curriculum as a primary responsibility.

The ILN fosters professional growth, information sharing, communication, and discussion of key issues.

For details on how to join, see: [www.aacn.nche.edu/Networks/iln.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Networks/iln.htm)

## ***Leadership Development Programs***

AACN concentrates a significant part of its educational programming on preparing nurse faculty to assume a variety of leadership roles in the academic environment, including nursing school dean.

- **Executive Development Series (EDS).** EDS meetings facilitate the transition of faculty into leadership positions with topics and exercises offering insights into the responsibilities faced by top administrators and other leaders.
- **Leadership for Academic Nursing Program.** This competitive, year-long program provides participants with a focused assessment experience, a range of content and case studies related to successful leadership, and the opportunity to establish networks with mentors and peers.
- **Summer Seminar.** Every July, deans and senior faculty gather to discuss nursing education issues and engage in executive development for aspiring, new, and experienced academic leaders.





## ***Awards, Funding & Publishing Opportunities***

### **Awards Programs**

AACN spotlights the unique contributions faculty make to advancing nursing education through the annual Hartford Awards for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing Education, the ELNEC Awards, and the new Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Awards.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/MemberServices/Awards.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/MemberServices/Awards.htm).

### **Funding Opportunity Alerts**

Each month, AACN shares information about grants, fellowships, scholarships, and other funding sources of particular interest to nurse faculty and graduate students.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty).

### **Journal of Professional Nursing**

AACN's journal seeks articles focused on the practice, research, and policy roles of nurses with baccalaureate and graduate degrees, and the educational and management concerns of the schools in which they are educated.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/jpn.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/jpn.htm).



## ***Advocacy & Information Resources***

### **State Advocacy Resources**

AACN created an online resource and teaching tool to assist nursing institutions in their efforts to secure state funding.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty).

### **AACN News Watch**

Stay connected to AACN by signing up to receive this monthly email advisory covering the association's new initiatives, political advocacy, publications, conferences, collaborations, and funding opportunities for faculty.

To sign up, send an email to [Newswatch@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:Newswatch@aacn.nche.edu).



## Resources for New & Future Faculty

### Education Scholar

Using a self-paced, Web-based program, AACN offers a convenient way for nursing faculty to improve teaching skills and enhance the foundation of their educational practice.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/edscholar.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/edscholar.htm).

### Faculty Development Conference

Offered in February, this conference targets faculty early in their careers and is designed to strengthen the essential skills needed to teach in professional nursing programs.

### Faculty Career Link

This online resource spotlights employment opportunities in nursing education and serves as an information clearinghouse to help future faculty get started.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/CareerLink](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CareerLink).

### Faculty Scholarship Programs

AACN actively seeks out opportunities to create scholarship programs targeted toward faculty development, such as the following:

- The California Endowment-AACN Minority Nurse Faculty Scholarship
- The Johnson & Johnson Campaign-AACN Minority Scholars Program
- AfterCollege-AACN Scholarship Fund

To apply, see [www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty).

### Financial Aid for Graduate Study

AACN has compiled an online list of financial aid opportunities for graduate nursing study, including information about loan forgiveness programs.

See [www.aacn.nche.edu/CareerLink](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CareerLink).

## AACN Serves the Unique Needs of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Program Faculty

Nurse faculty at all levels are invited to take full advantage of their institutional membership in AACN. Beyond the services spotlighted here, AACN's Web site provides many additional resources for faculty, including downloadable versions of the *Essentials* documents; links to curriculum standards in a variety of specialty areas; position statements, issue bulletins and fact sheets that serve as teaching resources; presentations from recent AACN conferences; and the latest data and strategies for addressing the registered nurse and nurse faculty shortages.

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