

- PROGRAM SCHEDULE -

October 14-16, 2024
JW Marriott | Washington, DC

Learning Outcomes for the Educational Sessions:

- Explore new ways to drive forward leadership, innovation, and excellence in academic nursing.
- Gain insight into how technology can transform health care, reduce inequity, and improve outcomes.
- Learn from experts how to promote belonging and inclusive excellence in nursing.
- Collaborate with colleagues to rejuvenate and shape the future of nursing education.

Nursing Continuing Professional Development:



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Attendees will be awarded continuing nursing professional development (NCPD) credit for the sessions they attend and evaluate.

Up to 9.75 NCPD credits available.

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**NCPD credit available*

Monday, October 14

11:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

Registration Open

Grand Ballroom Foyer

12:00-4:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Showcase Open

Capitol Ballroom

Connect with exhibitors showcasing innovative products, services, and solutions of value to your school of nursing. Take time throughout the day to visit the vendor booths and identify strategic partners to help address challenges and meet your specific institutional needs.

The Exhibitor Showcase is open Monday and Tuesday only.

12:15-1:00 p.m.

First-Time Attendee Meet & Greet

Capitol Ballroom Foyer

Hosted by the AACN Program Committee

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Emerging Solutions*

Available on demand

These deep-dive learning opportunities focus on practical approaches to meeting academic nursing needs using a mix of expert insights, case studies, peer learning, and dynamic interaction.

• **Academic-Practice Partnerships: A Showcase of Excellence** **Salon I**

Hear from the 2024 award winners on strategies to develop and enhance exemplary academic-practice partnerships.

❖ **University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing and Audie L. Murphy Veterans' Memorial Hospital**

Speakers: Cynthia O'Neal, PhD, RN, Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; Celida Martinez-Vargas, DNP, RN, Chief Nurse, Nursing Education, Audie L. Murphy Veterans' Memorial Hospital; and Wesley Richardson, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor and VA-STEP Coordinator, Audie L. Murphy Veterans' Memorial Hospital

❖ **The College of St. Scholastica and Essentia Health**

Speakers: Sheryl S. Sandahl, DNP, APRN, Professor and Chair, School of Health Professions, The College of St. Scholastica, and Carolyn Hughes, DNP, RN, System Senior Nursing Director, Professional Development & Clinical Excellence, Essentia Health

❖ **University of Minnesota School of Nursing and Collaboratory of Collaboratories**

Speakers: Connie Delaney, PhD, RN, Professor and Dean, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota; Carolyn Hughes, DNP, RN, System Senior Nursing Director, Essentia Health; Ryannon Frederick, MS, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Mayo Clinic; and Maria Raines, DNP, APRN, Chief Nursing Officer, M Health Fairview

Monday, October 14

- **Building the Future of Nursing: Implementing the AACN Essentials with Competency-Based Education and AI-Driven Innovation** *Salon II*

As nursing education transitions to Competency-Based Education (CBE) aligned with the AACN 2021 Essentials, schools are embracing innovative approaches to better prepare the next generation of nurses. This session will explore the success stories of faculty who are driving this change, highlighting the importance of WHY this shift is critical in addressing the evolving challenges of healthcare, such as rapid technological advancements, health system mergers, and ongoing workforce shortages. Participants will discover how schools are leveraging AI to develop progression indicators and create immersive experiential learning opportunities. Through a blend of excitement and strategy, faculty and students alike are embracing the new possibilities, though recognizing that sustainable transformation requires both a "short game" of immediate wins and a "long game" of gradual progress. Join us as we celebrate the passion and ingenuity in nursing education, fostering a future-ready workforce poised to excel in dynamic healthcare environments.

Speakers: Jacklyn Barber, EdD, RN, Dean, School of Nursing, Morningside University; Rene Love, PhD, DNP, APRN, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Graduate Clinical Education & Clinical Professor, College of Nursing, University of Florida; Jacquelyn McMillian-Bohler, PhD, RN, Associate Dean for Academic Innovation and Evaluation, Assistant Clinical Professor, School of Nursing, Duke University; and, Carmen M. Ward-Sullivan, PhD, RN, Associate Dean, Academic Programs, College of Nursing, Samuel Merritt University

- **Advancing a Culture of Excellence in Schools of Nursing: Is Your Excellence Inclusive?**

Salon III

Moving from concept to action, the presenter will challenge academic nurse leaders to rethink the systems and structures that define success in nursing education. This session exposes the hidden biases in leadership practices and highlights the power of inclusive excellence to drive real change. Discover how critical consciousness and intentional redesign can break down barriers, amplify diverse voices, and create a true culture of belonging in academic nursing.

Speaker: Danica Sumpter, PhD, RN, Chief Education, Equity & Wellness Officer, CS Innovations

- **Building a Stronger Business Model at Your School of Nursing** *Salon IV*

Explore new ways for building a budget and adapting the financial model used at your school of nursing. This interactive session will guide participants through the fundamentals of an institutional budget, the challenges senior leaders are facing, the realities of net revenue, ways to assess a program's financial sustainability, and strategies to execute in challenging budgeting times. Participants will discuss their role in working with university administrators and identify ways to articulate how their enrollment links to their department and overall institutional budget. The session will conclude with some purposeful actions that will lead to ongoing improvements and preferred outcomes.

Speaker: Jim Hundrieser, PhD, Senior Advisor to the President, National Association of College and University Business Officers

2:00-2:30 p.m.

Networking with Peers & Exhibitors

Capitol Ballroom

Enjoy refreshments and light snacks in the Exhibitor Showcase.

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2:30-3:30 p.m.

Emerging Solutions (repeated)*

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- **Building a Stronger Business Model at Your School of Nursing** *Salon IV*

3:30-4:00 p.m.

Networking with Peers & Exhibitors

Enjoy refreshments in the Exhibitor Showcase.

Capitol Ballroom

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Welcome and Rounds with AACN Leadership*

Grand Ballroom

Available on demand

Join AACN leadership for updates on the association's priorities, strategic initiatives, and new developments. AACN Board Chair Jean Giddens and President/CEO Deborah Trautman provide an overview of the association's work to transform academic nursing and serve our members. Ask questions and learn more about how these initiatives can impact and elevate your school of nursing.

*Speakers: **Jean Giddens**, PhD, RN, Chair, AACN Board of Directors, and Dean and Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kansas, and **Deborah Trautman**, PhD, RN, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Association of Colleges of Nursing*

5:15-6:15 p.m.

New Member Orientation and Wine&Cheese Social

Penn Avenue Terrace (Lobby Level)

Hosted by AACN's Board of Directors and Membership Committee

6:30 p.m.

Optional Networking Dinners

A great opportunity for you to connect with other participants and expand your network while enjoying the local cuisine! Simply choose from our pre-selected restaurants posted at the registration desk and sign-up. Participants are responsible for their own tabs and share transportation costs (if any).

The dinners are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. – participants meet at 6:15 p.m. in the hotel lobby.

7:30 p.m.

Capital Walk-and-Talk with AACN President and CEO

Join AACN President/CEO Deb Trautman and get in your daily exercise before the day ends!

The group departs promptly at 7:30 p.m. from the hotel entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue. See you there!

Tuesday, October 15

6:30-7:30 a.m.

Running and Walking Groups

Meet with other early risers at the hotel entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue for a 30-minute run or 60-minute morning walk.

7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Registration Open

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Light Continental Breakfast

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Solution Circles

Join industry experts to consider strategies for addressing current challenges in academic nursing. In a collaborative and educational format, vendors will engage in interactive discussions to foster peer-to-peer dialogue and share new and innovative solutions.

AACN has not been involved with the planning of the content for the Solution Circles, nor does it endorse presented products or services. Provided content is the sole responsibility of the presenting sponsor.

- **Assessment Success: Stories From Award-Winning Benchworks Programs on Using Data to Make a Difference** *State (Meeting Room Level)*

Sponsored and presented by Benchworks by Elentra

Join this panel discussion where nursing programs share best practices for using assessment data to drive program improvements and meet accreditation standards. The selection of nursing programs are recent winners of an annual award from Benchworks recognizing exemplary programs for using data to support their students. Hear directly from leaders about how they've leveraged Benchworks to streamline data collection, make informed decisions, measure the impact of program changes, and collect data to aid in accreditation efforts.

- **The Value of Nursing: Empowering Leadership and Shaping the Future of Healthcare**

Sponsored and presented by ANCC

Treasury (Meeting Room Level)

The ANA Enterprise's Value of Nursing initiative underscores the profound impact of nursing on patient outcomes, healthcare systems, and the broader community. This conversation highlights the pivotal role of nursing leadership in advocating for the profession, fostering interprofessional collaboration, and ensuring that nursing's contributions are fully recognized and integrated into healthcare decision-making at all levels.

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Plenary*

Grand Ballroom

Title VIII Programs: Addressing Nursing's Most Critical Needs

The nursing workforce is projecting a shortage of over 300,000 nurses by 2036. Nursing is also experiencing a shortage of clinical placement sites and nursing faculty. Learn more about federal programs designed to help address these critical needs. Participants will gain insight and knowledge of HRSA's Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, including innovative practice models shown effective in training the current and future nursing workforce.

Available on demand

Speakers: Leah FitzGerald, PhD, RN, Director, Division of Nursing and Public Health, HRSA, and Tara Spencer, MSN, RN, Deputy Director, Division of Nursing and Public Health, HRSA

Tuesday, October 15

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Like-Schools Focused Discussions*

Join colleagues and collaborate on vital topics important to your institution.

- **Small/Liberal Arts Colleges** *Salon I*
Co-Facilitators: **Diane Shea**, Emmanuel College and **Santhiny Rajamohan**, University of Northwestern St. Paul
- **Public Colleges/Universities** *Salon II*
Co-Facilitators: **Sarah Shannon**, Montana State University and **Joseph Tacy**, Lamar University
- **Private Colleges/Universities** *Salon III*
Co-Facilitators: **Katherine Gregory**, Boston College and **Saran Hollier**, University of Mercy Detroit
- **Academic Health Centers** *Salon IV*
Co-Facilitators: **Linda McCauley**, Emory University and **Marla De Jong**, The University of Utah

12:00-7:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Showcase Open

Capitol Ballroom

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own) & Networking with Exhibitors

Capitol Ballroom

12:45-1:45 p.m.

AACN-TV

Showcasing Your School's Success through Film

Dirksen (Meeting Room Level)

Bringing your school's story to life in a compelling way is vital in reaching prospective students, faculty, and practice partners in addition to getting the attention of donors, alumni, and legislators. Hear from fellow nursing school deans about their experience with AACN-TV, and how they are showcasing their school's unique character and achievements with high-impact. Find out how you can give your program national exposure, highlight innovations, profile faculty and students, promote effective partnerships, and advance your school's mission and strategic goals.

Hosted by AACN-TV

Pre-Registration required: [register here](#). Limited seating. Lunch provided.

12:45-1:45 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch & Conversations

Peer-to-Peer Dialogue

Treasury & State (Meeting Room Level)

Bring your own lunch and join your colleagues for informal networking and dialogue. Come share your insights while listening to and learning from your peers.

Tuesday, October 15

12:45-1:45 p.m.

NursingCAS Luncheon

Russell/Hart/Cannon (Meeting Room Level)

A Demonstration of the Student Application and Admissions Management Portal

Discover NursingCAS, AACN's free student application service that provides member colleges with an online platform to efficiently manage all aspects of the admission process. Using this service, schools are able to streamline their recruitment operations, gain access to powerful enrollment management software, expand their customer service capacity, and reach a national applicant pool. Learn why nearly 300 colleges of nursing used NursingCAS during the last enrollment cycle to process more than 115,000 nursing school applications.

Pre-Registration required: [register here](#). Limited seating. Those who register after 10/4 may not have special dietary requests honored.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Keynote Plenary*

From Inspiration to Transformation: Lessons on Shaping the Future of Nursing

Available on demand

Grand Ballroom

A pioneer in the field of cloud computing, Dr. Timothy Chou will help you consider the exciting possibilities that exist at the intersection of advancing technology, AI, and innovation. Discover how his early work at Oracle paved the way for many groundbreaking transformations across industries. Dr. Chou will explore how technology can transform health care, reduce inequity, lower costs, and improve outcomes, both locally and globally, by creating privacy-preserving real-time AI applications that bridge gaps in health care. Explore lessons learned that will inspire you to rethink your approach to shaping the future of academic and clinical nursing.

*Speaker: **Timothy Chou**, PhD, Founder of Pediatric Moonshot and Visionary Leader in Technology and Healthcare*

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Networking with Peers & Exhibitors

Capitol Ballroom

Enjoy refreshments in the Exhibitor Showcase.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Leadership Plenary*

A Visionary Thought Leader Reflects on Advocacy for Science, Discovery and Innovation

Available on demand

Grand Ballroom

Federal research policy and funding are interwoven into the fabric of our health care and higher education sectors. Join Mary Woolley as she shares insights and practical information gleaned from her longstanding leadership of Research!America. Mary will discuss Research!America's priorities, including mentorship of early career researchers, advocacy and communication strategies as well as potential opportunities for collaboration between Research!America and academic nursing to advance science and science policy.

*Speaker: **Mary Woolley**, President and CEO of Research!America*

4:30-5:00 p.m.

Networking with Peers & Exhibitors

Capitol Ballroom

Enjoy refreshments in the Exhibitor Showcase.

Tuesday, October 15

5:00-6:00 p.m.

John P. McGovern Lectureship Award*

Grand Ballroom

Gratitude and Blessings: A Stroll Through the Last Half Century of Nursing

Available on demand

Dr. Broome will take us on a journey from the 1970's to the present and talk about the evolution of the nursing profession and discipline during that time, sharing her own experiences and insights on the progress and contributions of the nursing profession. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy as a profession. And yet there is much to celebrate.

Speaker: Marion Broome, PhD, RN, Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing, Duke University

6:00-7:00 p.m.

AACN Networking Reception

Capitol Ballroom

Join us for our Networking Reception at the end the day to enjoy light fare and mingling with friends and colleagues.

Wednesday, October 16

6:30-7:30 a.m.

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7:00-11:30 a.m.

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Light Continental Breakfast

Capitol Ballroom Foyer

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Coffee&Conversations

- **Associate/Assistant Dean Dialogue** **Treasury (Meeting Room Level)**
Facilitator: Cynthia O'Neal, PhD, RN, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, School of Nursing, UT Health San Antonio
- **Deans of Minority Serving Nursing Schools** **State (Meeting Room Level)**
Facilitator: Allyssa L. Harris, PhD, APRN, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, Prairie View A&M University
- **New Dean Dialogue** **Cannon (Meeting Room Level)**
Facilitator: Lepaine Sharp-McHenry, DNP, RN, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Wednesday, October 16

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Leadership Plenary*

The Surprising Path to the Good Life

Grand Ballroom

Available on demand

How can we lead more satisfying personal and professional lives? In this provocative and engaging presentation, bestselling author Daniel Pink will reveal a new approach to working smarter and living better by examining our most misunderstood emotion: regret. Everyone has regrets, but if handled strategically, they can serve as a catalyst to sharpen our decision making, elevate our performance, and deepen our sense of meaning. This presentation is packed with big ideas, practical takeaways, and a dose of inspiration.

*Speaker: **Daniel Pink**, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author*

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Networking with Peers

Capitol Ballroom Foyer

10:30-11:30 a.m.

AACN Business Meeting and Awards Recognition

Grand Ballroom

*Presiding: **Jean Giddens**, PhD, RN, Chair, AACN Board of Directors, and Dean and Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kansas*

The AACN Business Meeting is only open to member deans/directors, associate/assistant deans, emeritus and honorary members, and invited prospective member deans/directors.

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