

Defining Scholarship for Academic Nursing Task Force

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Task Force Charge

1. Propose a definition of scholarship as related to education, research, and practice that accounts for trends in new research methods, concerns for improving health, and multiple ways of knowing.
2. Differentiate how scholarship might be operationalized by nurses prepared in research-focused and practice-focused doctorates.
3. Consider contemporary issues around tenure and how they are related to production of nursing scholarship.
4. Describe the integration of scholarship across institutional missions and how scholarship is promoted via improvement science, participatory action research, team science, and big data and how it is translated to practice.

Highlights of Changes to the Document

The AACN membership submitted 50 pages of feedback during the summer of 2017:

- The section on contemporary issues around tenure was deleted.
- A section on the scholarship of teaching was added.
- The scholarship of policy was strengthened.
- Boyer's Model was strengthened throughout the document

Purpose of the Scholarship Position Statement

- Create a definition of scholarship that is inclusive and supports multiple ways of knowing.
- Address the scholarship of discovery or scientific inquiry, the scholarship of practice, and the scholarship of teaching.
- Describe the integration of scholarship across institutional missions and how scholarship is promoted.

Definition of Scholarship in Nursing

Nursing scholarship is the generation, synthesis, translation, application and dissemination of knowledge that aims to improve health and transform health care. Scholarship in nursing focuses on research, practice, policy, and education.

Scholarship of Discovery Examples

- Generates new knowledge based on critical evaluation using all methods of scientific inquiry to inform nursing practice, education and/or policy through translation of research findings.
- Secures competitive extramural funding to investigate phenomena that expand the core of nursing knowledge.
- Leads successful research initiatives to include research teams or centers at the local, regional, national, or international arenas that focus on scientific inquiry to augment nursing knowledge related to health promotion and/or testing of interventions to improve health and disease outcomes.
- Develops innovative scientific approaches that inform practice and advance healthcare delivery methods.

Scholarship of Practice Examples

- Develops best practices for translating evidence to practice based on results of translational and implementation science.
- Secures competitive funding to support innovations in practice.
- Publishes to impact practice via peer-reviewed venues.
- Disseminates policy papers through peer-reviewed media.
- Provides expert review for quality improvement projects, journals, periodical, or textbooks.
- Disseminates practice-based findings at regional, national, or international meetings

Scholarship of Teaching Examples

- Redesigns or develops educational systems to effectively prepare students as practitioners, researchers, and educators of the future.
- Develops and implements evidence-based educational strategies that promote critical thinking and clinical decision-making.
- Evaluates impact, cost effectiveness, and efficiency of teaching strategies in attainment of student learning outcomes.
- Disseminates research findings from programmatic and systematic evaluations to foster curricular changes in all levels of nursing education
- Develops new teaching methods and strategies to prepare graduates for a transformed healthcare system

Integration of Scholarship Across Institutional Missions

- **Examples of the Advancement of Scholarship across Institutional Missions:**
 - Using data and implementation science to inform population health strategies and the strategic direction of accountable care organizations (ACOs).
 - Conducting demonstration projects and evaluating health system innovations and population health capabilities, including new care model designs.
 - Implementing quality and safety interventions across care settings and into the community.

Integration of Scholarship Across Institutional Missions

◉ Examples of structural arrangements that support scholarship:

- Foster research and practice - doctorally prepared faculty and staff or student teams to participate in clinical studies, project development, and implementation of evidence.
- Provide joint appointments of research-focused (PhD) and practice-focused (DNP) doctorally prepared scholars to inform research and practice through the translation of research findings, evaluation of practice innovation, and identification of improved outcomes.
- Use consultative roles for faculty nurse scholars for research studies and clinical projects in practice institutions.

Integration of Scholarship Across Institutional Missions

◉ Examples of innovative methods needed in doctoral scholarship:

- Test methods for rapid translation to practice.
- Engage patients to inform the design and methods of research studies such as community members in participatory action research.
- Conduct analysis to answer questions about a clinical problem using large data sets generated from clinical.

More Feedback Requested

- At AACN's Fall meeting, during the Like School Discussion groups, one question was asked related to the position statement: Does the *Defining Scholarship for Academic Nursing Position Statement* reflect the essence of scholarship for academic nursing? If not, please offer suggestions for improvement.
- ***There was an overwhelmingly positive response to the revised position statement at the Fall Meeting.***



Next Steps

- AACN Board of Directors approved the *Defining Scholarship for Academic Nursing Position Statement* on Monday, January 16.
- The Position Statement will be posted on the AACN website in the beginning of February.
- The AACN Membership will vote on the position statement at the March 2018 AACN's Deans Annual Meeting.



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