

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# CO-CREATING *the* FUTURE *of* ACADEMIC NURSING



American Association  
of Colleges of Nursing

*The Voice of Academic Nursing*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### **JULY 2022**

In response to member questions about the 2021 *Essentials*, the Board of Directors released statements reaffirming AACN's support for the master's degree and outlining expectations for faculty preparation.

### **AUGUST 2022**

Fifty schools of nursing from 28 states were selected to pilot test the LAMP<sup>SM</sup> Culture and Climate Survey through an AACN-led initiative funded by Johnson & Johnson.

### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

The *Essentials* Champions program was launched to convene representatives from each member school to explore issues and opportunities related to implementing the new competency standards.

### **OCTOBER 2022**

Facilitated by AACN's top leaders, an invitational Faculty Forum was held with 20 member deans to explore challenges related to the faculty shortage and ways to elevate the faculty role.

### **NOVEMBER 2022**

New AACN data show that the full-time faculty vacancy rate in nursing schools increased to 8.8%, driven largely by noncompetitive salaries and a limited pool of doctoral-prepared faculty.

### **DECEMBER 2022**

AACN responds to CCNE's request for comments on its 2018 accreditation standards, which called for requiring the 2021 *Essentials* as the professional nursing standards and guidelines for schools seeking CCNE accreditation.

### **JANUARY 2023**

AACN announced that the Jonas Philanthropies, one of the nation's leading sources of support for doctoral nursing education, established a new home base for its nursing programs at AACN.

### **FEBRUARY 2023**

AACN released its latest number of institutional members – 868 schools of nursing – which represents a new high for the association in terms of affiliated schools.

### **MARCH 2023**

AACN and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership host an Afternoon of Dialogue to bring academic and practice leaders together to discuss workforce concerns and opportunities to partner around the *Essentials*.

### **APRIL 2023**

As the lead organizer for the Tri-Council for Nursing this year, AACN convened leaders from the ANA, AONL, NLN, and NCSBN to discuss shared advocacy efforts and strategic goals.

### **MAY 2023**

Results from AACN's Fall 2022 annual survey show enrollment declines in baccalaureate, master's, and PhD programs. A less than 1% enrollment increase was realized in DNP programs.

### **JUNE 2023**

Recognizing the threat to advancing DEI, AACN joined with the higher education community in denouncing the Supreme Court decision prohibiting race-conscious admissions practices at colleges and universities.

## OUR MEMBERS

In 1969, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) was established to answer the need for an organization dedicated exclusively to furthering nursing education in America's universities and four-year colleges. Representing schools of nursing at 868 public and private institutions, AACN provides programs and services to schools offering baccalaureate- and graduate-degree nursing education programs.

## OUR MISSION

As the collective voice for academic nursing, AACN serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice.

## OUR VISION

Nurses are transforming health care to improve health and health equity.

## OUR VALUES

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Excellence. Innovation. Integrity. Leadership.

*This report highlights the association's FY 2023 initiatives, milestones, and achievements spanning July 2022 through June 2023.*

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## STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

### GOAL 1

AACN is the driving force for leadership, innovation, and excellence in academic nursing.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Lead innovations in academic nursing that facilitate competency-based education and improve health care.
- Advance research and scholarship in nursing.
- Develop leaders and inspire excellence at all levels in academic nursing.

### GOAL 2

AACN is a leading partner in advancing improvements in health, health care, and higher education.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Accelerate the integration of academia and practice.
- Work in partnership to improve health and health equity, strengthen the nursing workforce, and transform healthcare delivery.
- Promote wellness within academic nursing.

### GOAL 3

AACN is a resolute leader for diversity, equity, and inclusion within nursing.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Advance a culture that promotes and advances diversity, equity, and inclusion in academic nursing.
- Promote policies, practices, and partnerships that advance health equity and just care.
- Advocate for and advance anti-racist policies and practices throughout academic nursing.

### GOAL 4

AACN is the authoritative source of knowledge to advance academic nursing.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Serve as the leading information resource and thought leader on issues and trends impacting academic nursing.
- Influence and impact the development of the preeminent future nursing workforce.
- Generate and curate knowledge and timely information to inform decision-making in academic nursing.

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT/CEO

## Co-Creating the Future

**N**avigating through the many challenges facing leaders in health care and higher education requires collaboration. Collectively, nursing school administrators are searching for ways to bring more students into their programs given the recent downturn in enrollments. We are also grappling with issues affecting all of academia, including the rising costs of higher education, the college readiness of incoming students, finding qualified faculty, and elevating student wellness.

Though the work ahead is considerable, together we can find solutions, share resources, and support each other. AACN is here to be your partner in this journey, and we are committed to providing guidance, resources, and inspiration to help all schools thrive.

As your advocate, AACN is making great strides in advancing critical priorities on behalf of our members and mission. We saw the shift to competency-based education (CBE) accelerate this year, with schools embracing this new model for nursing education. In response to member requests, we introduced new CBE training opportunities, new ways to connect via the *Essentials* Champion program, guiding principles and talking points, and a variety of on-demand resources to support *Essentials'* implementation efforts. Our work to advocate for and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) became even more critical given the prohibition of race-conscious admission practices and state-level threats to DEI. This year, we realized significant gains from our federal advocacy work, academic-practice collaborations, grant-funded initiatives, leadership development and conference programming, and inclusive stakeholder engagement.

None of this success would have been possible without the support and engagement from deans, faculty, students, and staff at our member schools and from our interprofessional colleagues, generous benefactors, and loyal friends who share a commitment to advancing academic nursing.

Please take a moment to review this annual report and celebrate all that we have achieved together.

*Cynthia McCurren*

**Cynthia McCurren, PhD, RN, FAAN**  
Chair, AACN Board of Directors

*Deborah E. Trautman*

**Deborah Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN**  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Cynthia McCurren & Deborah Trautman

## ANNUAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

Findings published in the annual State of the Schools are based on responses from 974 (90.6%) of the nation's nursing schools with baccalaureate and graduate programs that were surveyed in fall 2022.

### Highlights from AACN's 2022 Annual Survey

#### NURSING PROGRAMS



#### ENROLLMENT



#### GRADUATIONS



- Entry-Level Baccalaureate
- RN to Baccalaureate
- Master's Programs
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Research-Focused Doctorate

#### STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS



#### MALE STUDENTS



- Baccalaureate Programs
- Master's Programs
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Research-Focused Doctorate



#### EMPLOYMENT OF NEW GRADUATES

##### Entry-Level Baccalaureate



##### Entry-Level Master's



#### Employer Education Expectation for New Nurses

Employers Requiring New Nurses to Have a BSN

**27.7%**



**71.7%**

Employers Preferring New Nurses with a BSN

#### NURSE FACULTY POPULATION

Full-Time Faculty  
22,838

Part-Time Faculty  
31,783

Ethnic/Minority Faculty  
20.6%

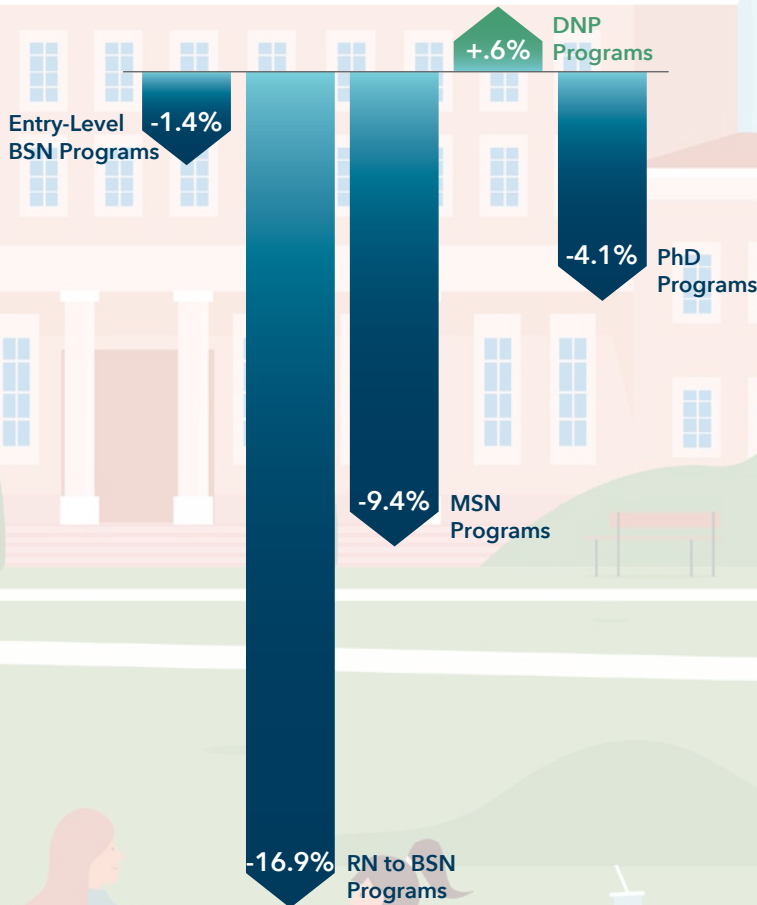
Male Faculty  
7.8%

Faculty Vacancy Rate  
8.8%

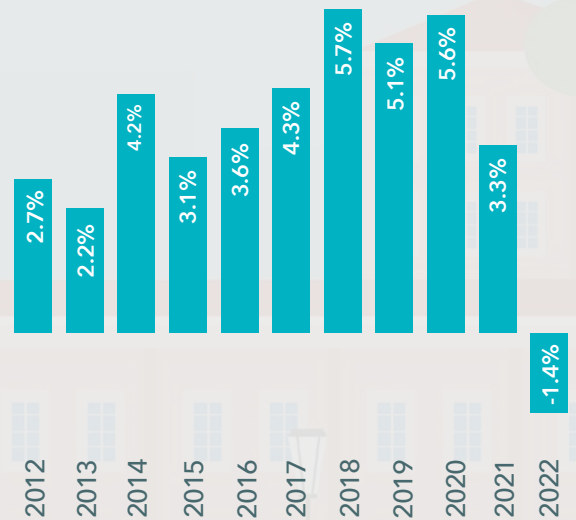
## AACN'S DATA COLLECTION

Now in its 42nd year, AACN's annual survey compiles data and information that forms the basis for the nation's premier database on trends in nursing school enrollment and graduations, student and faculty demographics, and faculty and deans' salaries. Custom data reports are available for schools and other stakeholders interested in preparing benchmarking reports and market analyses.

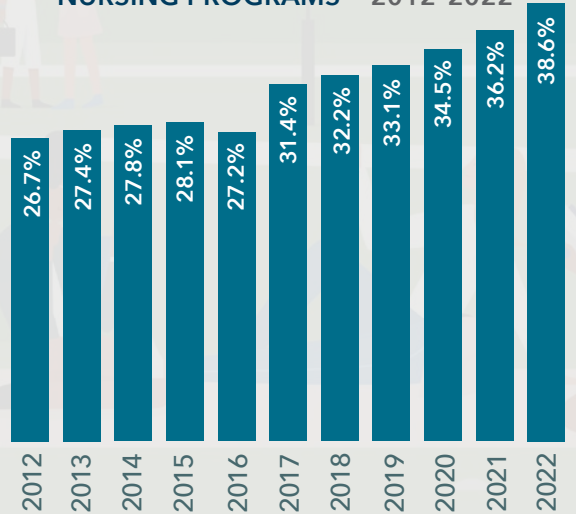
### ENROLLMENT CHANGES – 2021-2022



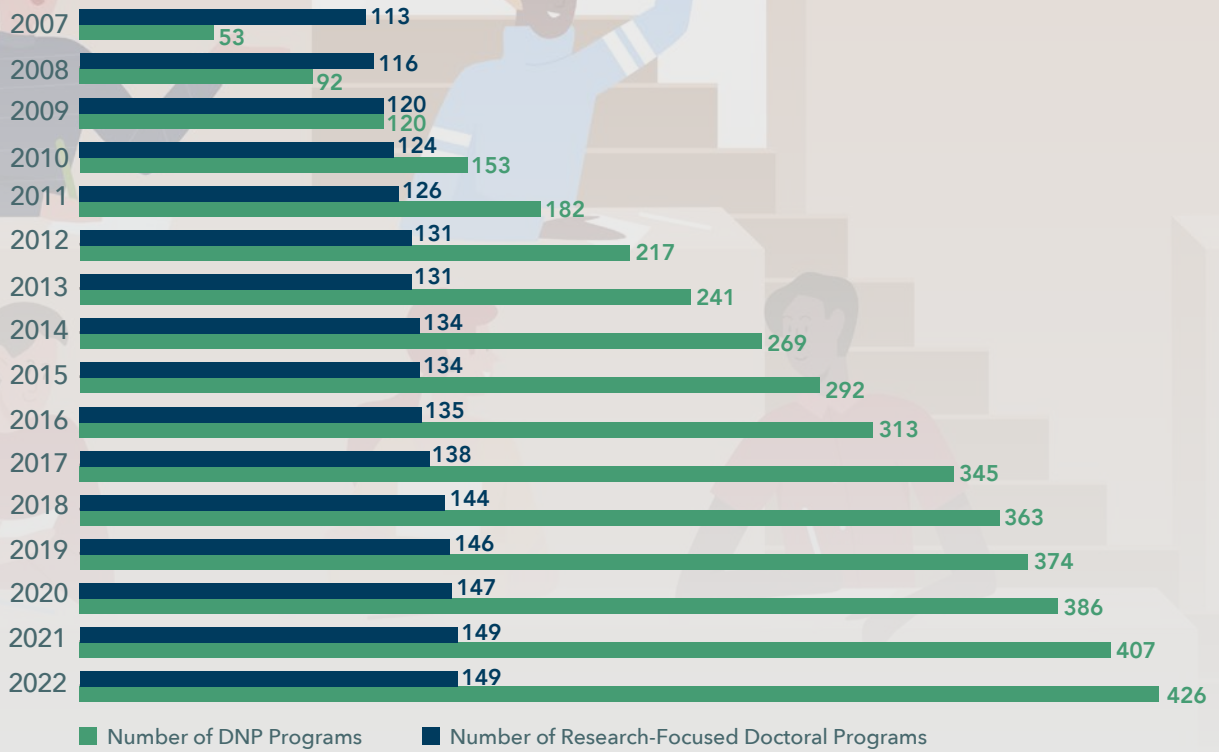
### PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT IN ENTRY-LEVEL BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAMS – 2012-2022



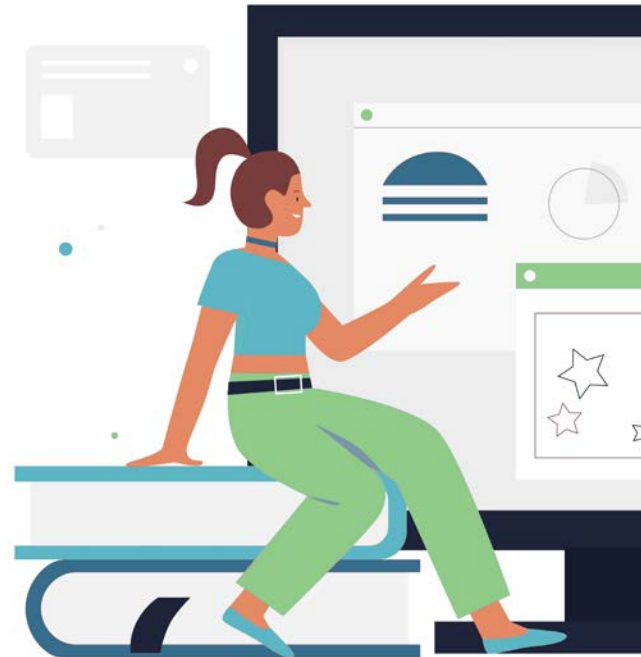
### PERCENT OF DIVERSE STUDENTS IN ENTRY-LEVEL BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAMS – 2012-2022



**GROWTH IN DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS — 2007–2022**

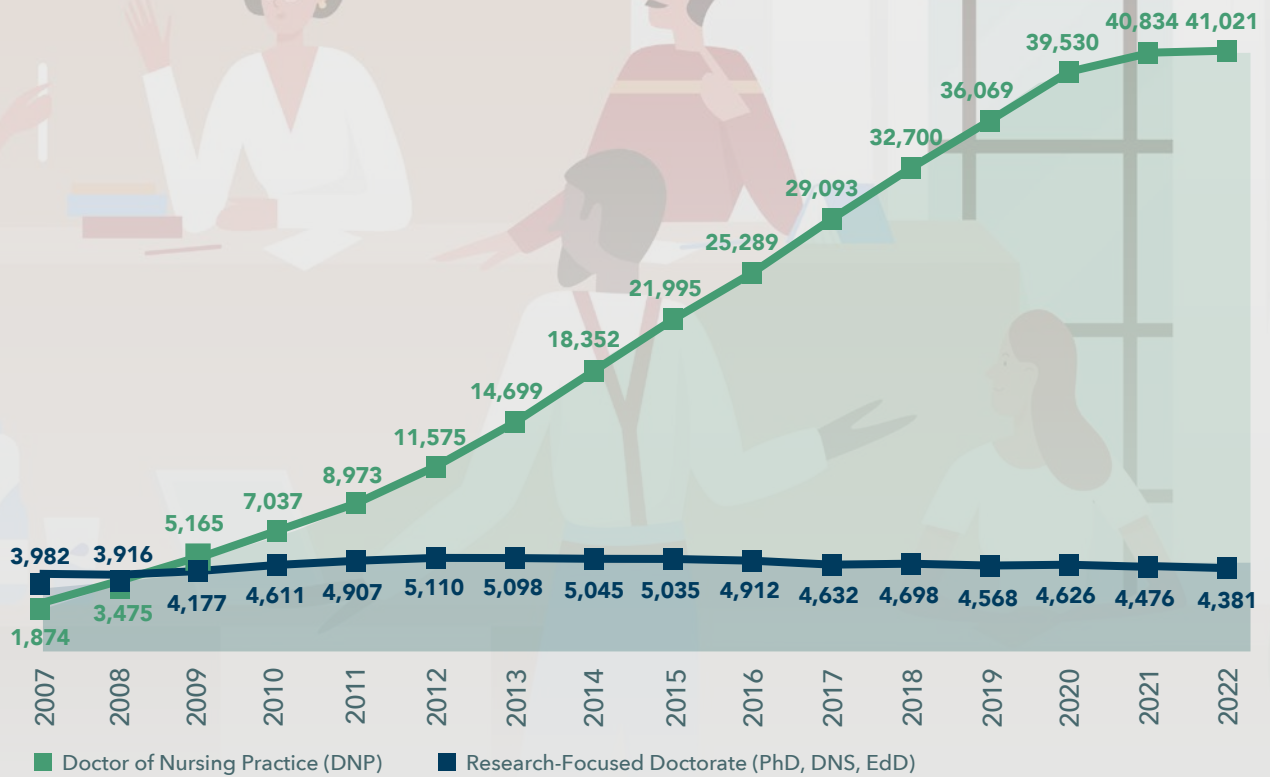


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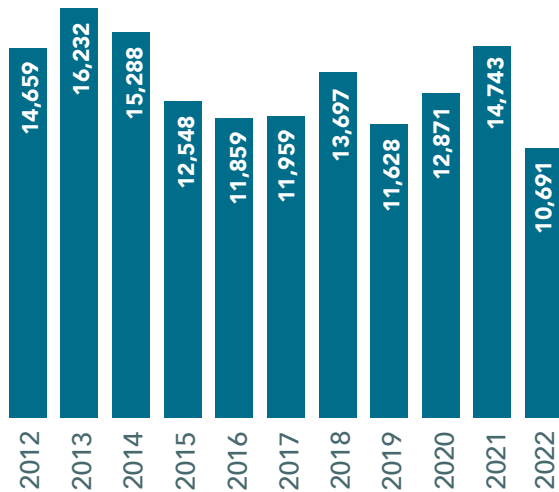
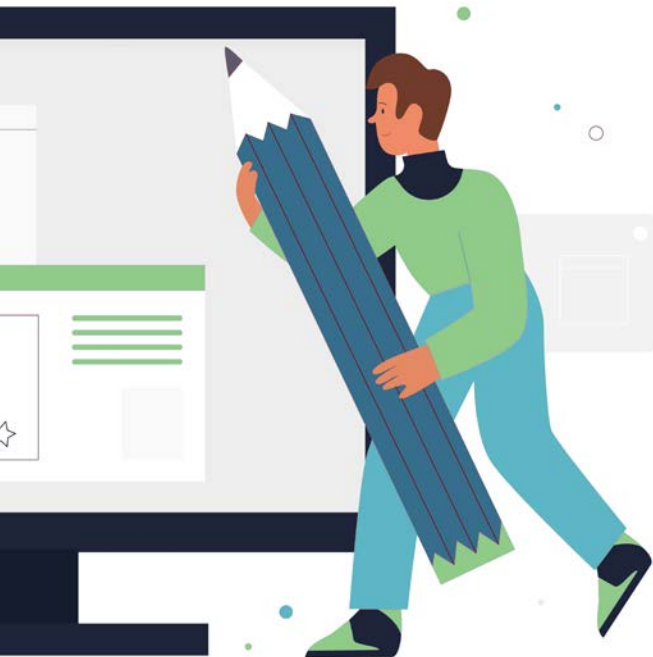




**ENROLLMENT IN DNP AND PhD PROGRAMS — 2007–2022**



**QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS TURNED AWAY FROM GRADUATE PROGRAMS (MASTER'S, PhD, DNP) — 2012–2022**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR ACADEMIC NURSING

The Foundation for Academic Nursing is dedicated to coordinating and disseminating grant funding to member schools in support of the association's mission and strategic goals. Guided by an advisory committee with education, corporate, and philanthropic leaders, the Foundation works to strengthen the nursing workforce by supporting nurse educators and students in reaching their full potential. Highlights of the Foundation's work this year include:

- In October 2022, AACN announced the 2022-2023 recipients of the **AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Program**, which was created by the Board of Directors to spotlight the innovative work led by nurse educators to redesign teaching and learning at schools of nursing. The most recent faculty scholars focused their work on leveraging simulation to advance DEI as well as competency-based education. The faculty who received funding include **Dr. Carol Kostovich** from Loyola University Chicago for her project titled *Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a DEI Toolkit for Simulation*; and the team of **Drs. Kelly Small Casler and Kate Sustersic Gawlik** from The Ohio State University for their project titled *Virtual Reality Simulation to Aid in Competency-based Online NP Curriculum*.
- In January 2023, the Foundation announced the latest two graduate students to receive the **Deborah E. Trautman Future Nurse Leader Scholarship**. This program, which was created by Liaison International in honor of AACN's President and CEO, provides financial support and mentorship to outstanding graduate nursing students who aspire to leadership roles. The 2023 award winners include **Rika Win Kemp**, a

BSN to DNP student from the Medical University of South Carolina, and **Nkemdilim Diaz**, a BSN to DNP student from Winona State University in Minnesota.

- The Foundation launched a new scholarship program this year with **QGenda**, a leader in healthcare workforce management solutions, to support students enrolled in AACN member schools. With \$5,000 scholarships available to students in undergraduate and graduate programs, QGenda has committed to providing nearly \$50,000 in scholarship funding through 2025. In addition to this program, the Foundation awarded scholarships this year through programs funded by Scrubin Uniforms, NurseThink, Hurst Reviews, and Uniform Advantage.
- The Foundation is grateful to all the **individual and corporate donors** who contributed directly to support AACN's philanthropic efforts this year. To review the current list of donors and to make a contribution, see [www.aacnnursing.org/foundation/donors](http://www.aacnnursing.org/foundation/donors).





## Strategic Goal #1

# DRIVING INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

The association's work to transform academic nursing and chart the future of nurse education falls under our first strategic goal: **AACN is the driving force for innovation and excellence in academic nursing.** This goal covers our work to advance the *Essentials* and champion leadership development programs.



## A CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATION

**T**he *Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education* outline the curriculum content and expected competencies of graduates from baccalaureate, master's, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, as well as the clinical support needed to ensure quality nursing education. Endorsed by the AACN membership in April 2021, academic nursing is moving toward a new model and framework for nursing education using a competency-based approach.

AACN is committed to facilitating this transition and providing support to assist schools in meeting the new expectations. With efforts coordinated by the *Essentials* Implementation Steering Committee, highlights of this year's work are featured below.

- In July 2022, the AACN Board of Directors issued **two new statements** in response to questions raised by members related to *Essentials* implementation. The statements reaffirmed AACN's support for the master's degree and clarified expectations related to the preparation of faculty to teach in baccalaureate and higher degree nursing programs.
- Results from a **Fall 2022 survey** found that most member schools strongly endorse the new approach to nursing education outlined in the *Essentials* with 85% committed to transitioning to competency-based education. The survey found that 57% of schools have started curriculum mapping on entry-level programs; 48% started mapping advanced-level programs; 55% of schools have allocated resources to implement the *Essentials*; and 47% of schools have identified practice partners to collaborate on this work.
- In January 2023, the Assessment Expert Working Group released a [Vision for Sharing Data and Information Across Nursing Education, Practice, and Regulation](#). This document calls for developing an integrated information system that facilitates the sharing of data and information among schools, healthcare settings, and regulatory bodies. Approved by the AACN Board of Directors, the statement delineates criteria for schools to consider when evaluating technologies, including those focused on *Essentials* implementation.
- In March 2023, AACN released the [Guiding Principles for Competency-Based Education](#)



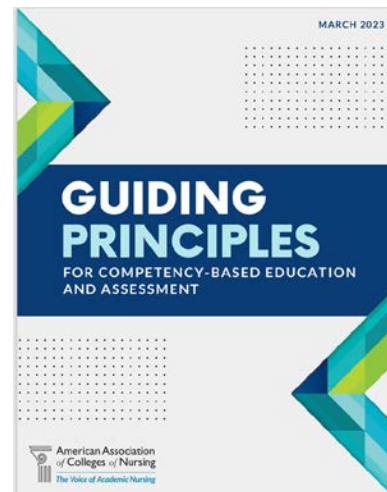
[and Assessment](#), which was developed by the Assessment Expert Working Group. This document outlines the key components of CBE and identifies the Core Principles for Assessment of Learners in Competency-Based Education in nine areas of CBE assessment.

- In May 2023, AACN released a statement to provide guidance to nursing schools on the **time needed for implementation** of the 2021 *Essentials*. AACN recognized that evolving to a new approach to education will take time and that programs may still be engaged in shifting to CBE beyond the initial projected timeframe, which was three years or more.
- To connect more closely with member schools, AACN launched the **Essentials Champions program**, which brings together the dean-appointed contact at each member school to hear the latest updates on implementation resources and engage in a robust Q&A. Over 500 Champions have been identified and meet quarterly with AACN staff leaders.
- A series of **regional faculty development workshops** on CBE and *Essentials* implementation was launched with sessions planned for North Carolina, Indiana, and Texas. These workshops quickly sold out, and plans were made to offer a series of five additional workshops in California, Maryland, and Florida to meet the demand for training.
- Nearly two dozen **webinars and conference sessions** were offered on adapting curriculum to align with the new model for nursing education. All webinars and select conference sessions are free and available for on-demand viewing from AACN's website.
- A newly redesigned webpage was launched to better showcase the resources and information available to help schools implement the *Essentials*. An important new feature of the site is a **searchable teaching resource database**, which contains learning strategies, recommended content, and assessment options for each Domain of nursing practice.



- AACN released a series of **talking point documents** to help practice partners, development officers, and students understand the impact transitioning to competency-based education will have on preparing more practice-ready nurses.
- AACN focused its **newsletters, communications, and social media channels** on sharing the latest news related to the *Essentials*, updating frequently asked questions, showcasing video spotlights, and presenting other opportunities that support implementation efforts.

For the latest information on resources, opportunities, and programming on the *Essentials*, see [www.aacnnursing.org/essentials](http://www.aacnnursing.org/essentials).



## ADVANCING GRANT-FUNDED INITIATIVES

**A**ACN actively pursues grant-funding to launch initiatives that align with our strategic priorities and meet member needs. This year, these initiatives focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; well-being and resilience; competency-based education; and combatting vaccine hesitancy.

- As one of only 10 national projects funded through the American Nurses Foundation's Reimagining Nursing Initiative, AACN's project on **Competency-Based Education for Practice-Ready Nurse Graduates** is focused on accelerating the transition to competency-based nursing education in support of the 2021 *Essentials*. The Practice Ready Advisory Group and staff worked closely with 10 pilot schools to develop and implement competency-based learning and assessment strategies in Population Health and a second *Essentials* Domain selected by the school. Lessons learned from the pilots, including those centered on academic-practice partner engagement, will be shared with all AACN members.
- The **Building a Culture of Belonging in Academic Nursing** initiative, also supported by Johnson & Johnson, centers on scaling up the use of AACN's Leading Across Multidimensional Perspectives (LAMP<sup>SM</sup>) Culture and Climate Survey to better assess the experiences of diverse students, faculty, and staff at nursing schools and identify practices that facilitate student success and a sense of belonging. The LAMP survey instrument was adapted to provide action reports that assess the unique culture and programmatic characteristics of individual schools of nursing. AACN staff provided technical assistance to the 50 schools selected to pilot the new survey. For the final phase of this work, staff will prepare a national report based on findings from the pilots, which will be shared with all member schools.
- AACN was awarded \$1 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to initiate **Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Among Nurses and in Communities**. Through this effort, AACN awarded \$70,000 in funding to 10 member schools to launch targeted campaigns to encourage COVID-19 vaccination and increase confidence among nurses in communicating accurate vaccine information. Participating schools used a variety of methods to reach out to local communities at risk, including community events, public service campaigns, social media outreach, vaccination drives, and other strategies. All schools prepared a video overview of their work, which was filmed by AACN-TV and broadly disseminated. Though the project ended in September 2022, all curricular resources and outreach strategies developed through this project are posted on a new website and may be used by schools to address vaccine hesitancy, reach underserved populations, and dispel health misinformation.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MEMBER EDUCATION

Our signature leadership development program – **AACN LEADS** - offers an array of enrichment opportunities for new, early career, and experienced deans, associate deans, program directors, and faculty. Programs offered include:

- The **Elevating Leaders in Academic Nursing (ELAN)** for aspiring deans and senior faculty provides participants with a year-long focused assessment experience, a range of content and exercises related to successful executive leadership, and the opportunity to establish a peer network that fosters long-term partnerships and collegial support.
- The **Advancing Academic Leadership for New Deans** program, which is geared toward new and transitioning deans, is an intensive 13-month experience that includes an in-depth skills assessment, a series of in-person meetings, and a personalized leadership development project.
- The **AACN-Wharton Executive Leadership Program**, a world-class enrichment experience for seasoned academic nursing leaders, addresses issues related to managing change, influencing a diverse set of stakeholders, and building enterprising relationships.

In addition, AACN offers self-paced [Leadership Education Modules](#) tailored to the needs of academic nursing professionals. These on-demand modules offer guidance and practical strategies on navigating real-world challenges and amplifying effectiveness. Four modules are available: Leadership Principles and Practices for Academic Nursing Leaders; Ethical Leadership in Nursing Education; Emotional Intelligence in Enhancing Leadership Impact; and Leading through Crisis and Disaster Preparedness.

In addition to AACN LEADS, the association provides leadership development opportunities throughout our programming.

- AACN is the **preferred provider of professional development opportunities** for deans, faculty, and students from baccalaureate and higher degree programs. In addition to offering 50 webinars that attracted more than 33,500 registrations, AACN's conferences, including the Academic Nursing Leadership Conference, Executive Development Series, Transform 2022, Doctoral Education Conference, CNL Summit, Deans Annual Meeting, and Summer Seminar, attracted more than 3,100 attendees this year.
- Nearly 10,000 students in master's and doctoral programs were enrolled in the [Graduate Nursing Student Academy \(GNSA\)](#), which provides high-value programs, resources, and services to meet the professional development of student leaders. GNSA members have access to a free webinar series granting CE credits, leadership development opportunities, advocacy opportunities, career readiness tools, an online collaboration community, and a monthly newsletter.
- More than 1,800 nursing school faculty and staff at member institutions participate in AACN's eight **Leadership Networks**, which link to peer professionals at nursing schools nationwide.



Networks include Organizational Leadership, Faculty Leadership, Research Leadership, Practice Leadership, Business Officers of Nursing Schools, Nursing Advancement Professionals, Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership.

- AACN continued its work to advance the **Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL®)** role as the key to improving care coordination, minimizing risks, advancing quality improvement strategies, and implementing evidence-based solutions at the point of care. This year, the CNL Competencies Revision Work Group initiated its work to revise the 2013 CNL competencies to align with the 2021 *Essentials*. By the end of the fiscal year, a total of 9,606 program graduates completed the certification process developed by the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC) and are now certified CNLs.
- Since 2000, AACN and the City of Hope have collaborated on the **End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)** project, which is focused on improving palliative care. To

date, over 46,500 nurses and other healthcare professionals, representing all 50 states plus 101 countries, have completed a national or international ELNEC train-the-trainer course. These healthcare professionals are sharing their new expertise in educational and clinical settings. In addition, 1,037 undergraduate and 365 graduate programs at schools of nursing have completed the ELNEC Undergraduate/New Nurse Graduate and ELNEC Graduate online curricula via Relias Learning.

- With 311 participating schools, **NursingCAS** provides colleges a robust admissions platform to efficiently manage application reviews using cloud-based software. NursingCAS has enormous potential to produce vital data that can positively impact the profession and influence policy, and it gives schools the power to run custom and comparative reports on-demand while also providing transcript verification and GPA calculations. AACN encourages all schools to join this free service and take part in this important initiative for the nursing profession.

Strategic  
Goal #2

## IMPROVING HEALTH, HEALTH CARE, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

AACN's goal to serve as a **leading partner in advancing improvements in health, health care, and higher education** extends to our work to build consensus on critical issues and advance our federal advocacy agenda.

In October 2022, AACN held an invitational **Faculty Forum** to explore challenges related to the nurse faculty shortage and identify potential solutions to strengthen faculty recruitment and retention. Led by Board Chair Cynthia McCurren and President/CEO Deborah Trautman, the event was attended by deans from 20 schools of nursing representing a cross-section of the AACN membership. Participants actively engaged in a series of discussions to build a shared understanding of the key drivers of the faculty shortage and consider a preferred path

forward. Themes from the conversation included the need to recruit younger and more diverse faculty, faculty development in the teaching role, leveraging academic-practice partnerships, and adapting accreditation standards.

In March 2023, AACN and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) hosted an **Afternoon of Dialogue** in Washington, DC to bring academic and practice leaders together to discuss workforce concerns and opportunities to partner around the *Essentials*. Representatives identified key challenges facing academic and practice, as well as shared concerns, which included advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; recruiting more diverse nurses and students;



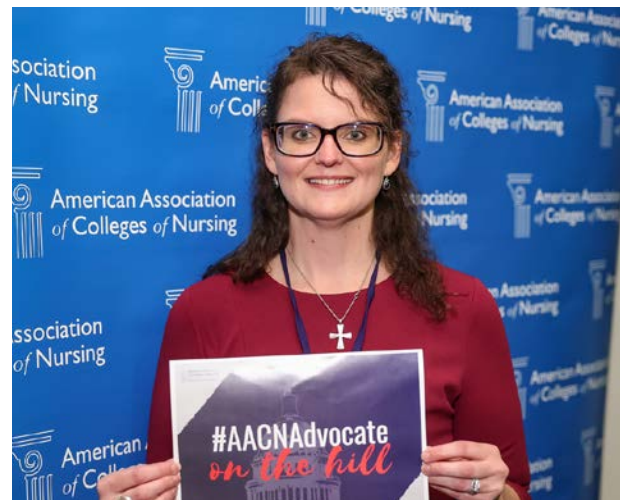
developing leaders; repairing the image of nursing; and leveraging rapidly changing technology.

In the **government affairs and policy arena**, AACN is a recognized leader and authority on policies impacting nursing education, research, and practice. With a special emphasis on helping nursing schools weather the pandemic, AACN focused its advocacy work on providing new resources and support for schools of nursing. Highlights of AACN's government affairs and policy advocacy work this year included:

- Securing \$300.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs for FY 2023, a \$20 million increase over FY 2022 levels.
- Securing \$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) for FY 2023, a \$16.8 million increase over FY 2022 levels.
- Mobilizing AACN's Advocates, including deans, faculty, students, and other stakeholders, who sent over 2,700 messages to the 118th Congress and nearly 5,000 messages in 2022.
- Working with dozens of federal lawmakers to introduce and re-introduce legislation to benefit nursing education, including the Nurse Corps Tax Parity Act and Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction

Act, Support Faculty and Expand Access to Nursing School Act of 2023, Educating Future Nurses Act, Providing Real-World Education and Clinical Experience by Precepting Tomorrow's (PRECEPT) Nurses Act, and the Expanding Access to Graduate Education Act, among others.

- Sending letters to all members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives welcoming them to the 118th Congress and outlining federal legislative priorities for academic nursing.



## ENSURING PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the Commission

on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous arm of AACN responsible for ensuring the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying

programs that engage in effective educational practices. As of January 2023, CCNE had accredited:

- 833 Baccalaureate Programs
- 539 Master's Programs
- 354 Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs
- 284 APRN Certificate Programs
- 56 Nurse Residency/Fellowship Programs

Nearly 93% of AACN member schools are affiliated with CCNE as having either accredited or new applicant programs.

Strategic  
Goal #3

## ADVANCING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Our third goal – **AACN is a resolute leader for diversity, equity, and inclusion within nursing** – underscores the association’s commitment to promoting a diverse nursing workforce, creating inclusive learning environments, ending structural racism, and striving toward health equity.

- The AACN Board of Directors issued a **Statement on Supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Academic Nursing** in April 2023 in response to legislative challenges in several states that threaten the advancement of DEI. The Board re-enforced that “AACN will continue to champion diversity, equity, and inclusion while promoting the development of a more diverse and inclusive student, staff, and faculty population. We stand ready to assist nursing schools in their efforts to ensure equitable health care for all people.”
- In June 2023, AACN released a statement denouncing the Supreme Court decision **prohibiting race-conscious admissions practices** at colleges and universities. The removal of racial considerations threatens the work underway to advance DEI and puts the onus on colleges to develop race-neutral programs that advance diversity. AACN created a new online resource section to help schools navigate the issues and adapt their admission programs.
- This year, AACN unveiled the **Leading Across Multidimensional Perspectives (LAMP<sup>SM</sup>) Culture and Climate Survey** to better understand the experiences of diverse students, faculty, and staff at nursing schools and identify practices that facilitate a sense of belonging. LAMP provides action reports that assess the unique culture and programmatic characteristics of individual schools. Interested schools may sign up via an online inquiry form.
- To promote the adoption of **Holistic Admissions Review**, AACN continued to provide technical assistance to schools receiving funding through the Nursing Workforce Diversity program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. A total of 39 grant recipients have executed contracts with AACN to complete training in Holistic Admission Review, which emphasized best practices and maximizing impact.
- AACN’s DEI programming continued to flourish and attract broad support from member schools. Membership in the **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Network (DEILN)** increased, the third cohort of the **Diversity Leadership Institute** graduated 39 new fellows, and the **Diversity Symposium** held a successful virtual event. In 2024 the symposium will be offered as a live event planned for New Orleans in February 2024.
- The quarterly **Diversity Digest** highlights DEI-focused programs, strategies, and initiatives led by AACN and our member schools. This newsletter spotlights the latest news, data, research, resources, and success stories related to bringing more faculty and students from underrepresented backgrounds into nursing. Subscriptions are free for all.
- This year, AACN continued its collaboration with the National Institutes of Health to promote the **All of Us Research Program**, which seeks greater representation from historically underrepresented communities in biomedical research. Through this initiative, AACN member schools of nursing and their community partners who commit to increasing awareness of the *All of Us* Research Program receive up to \$10,000 in funding to augment their local efforts. Since 2017, AACN has awarded \$420,000 to 42 nursing schools to help bring awareness to this vital program.



## Strategic Goal #4

# THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND INFORMATION CURATION

The fourth pillar of the association strategic plan calls for AACN to serve as **the authoritative source of knowledge to advance academic nursing**. As the national voice for academic nursing, AACN strives to bring the association's mission and message before the larger nursing community. Highlights include:

- The **Journal of Professional Nursing** had another successful year with 814 manuscripts received and a 25% acceptance rate. The journal's Impact Factor, which measures the frequency with which the average article in a journal is cited in a particular year, increased in 2022, from 2.27 to 2.5.
- Six **Data Spotlights** were distributed via *AACN News Watch* this year covering noteworthy trends, including PhD program enrollment, graduate program areas of study, faculty vacancies, RN to BSN programs, men in nursing, and enrollment and graduations.
- New **communications materials on Essentials implementation** were developed, including talking points (practice partners, development officers, and students), comprehensive email updates to members, weekly Essential Updates, three Board statements, and video spotlights.
- The Practice Leadership Network published **A Framework for Faculty Practice Tool Kit** to facilitate faculty practice at nursing schools.
- With more than 65,000 subscribers, **AACN News Watch** was issued weekly, delivering the latest news, emerging trends, funding opportunities, and new resources of interest to members and the larger academic nursing community.
- Twelve **Rounds with Leadership columns** were prepared and disseminated monthly in *News Watch* and via the national news wires.
- 102 **scholarly articles and national publications** were curated and summarized in *News Watch*, *Faculty Link*, *Diversity Digest*, and other AACN newsletters.
- AACN strengthened its **social media** presence this year through enhanced content and focused outreach initiatives using a variety of platforms, including YouTube, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Video spotlights, curated from the expertise of our members, provide an in-depth exploration of how schools are implementing the AACN Essentials and moving toward competency-based education.

## PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

Across all strategic goals, AACN seeks collaboration and synergy with a wide community of stakeholders to advance our mission and meet member needs.

- In January 2023, AACN announced that **Jonas Philanthropies** established a new home base for its nursing programs at AACN. This strategic move better positions the philanthropy to amplify its work to address inequities in health care and support nursing, including the development of nurse faculty, and nurse leaders. Since 2012, AACN has worked with Jonas Philanthropies to administer the Jonas Scholars program, which has resulted in scholarship funding and leadership development for doctoral students at 157 nursing schools.
- AACN's partnership with the **Arnold P. Gold Foundation** centers on promoting resources available to schools hosting White Coat/Oath Ceremonies, supporting the Hope Babette Tang Essay Contest, and sharing resources related to providing compassionate care. This year, President/CEO Deborah Trautman served as co-host of the Foundation's annual gala.
- AACN is actively engaged with the **Washington Higher Education Secretariat**, which is convened by the American Council on Education to enhance knowledge sharing and networking with top leaders from higher education organizations.
- AACN continued to play a lead role with the **Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC)** with President/CEO Deborah Trautman serving on the Board of Directors. IPEC offers faculty development institutes, a free webinar series, an Interprofessional Deans Leadership Program, and an awards program with the U.S. Public Health Service.
- The **Vizient-AACN Nurse Residency Program** supports new nurses as they transition into the workforce. Since 2002, more than 200,000 residents have completed this program. With 600 sites in 47 states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries, the retention rate of first-

## AACN WEBSITE REDESIGN:

[WWW.AACNNURSING.ORG](http://WWW.AACNNURSING.ORG)

In May 2023, AACN launched a newly redesigned and updated website, aimed at enhancing the user experience with a more contemporary look and feel, bold colors and images, and more tools to locate relevant information quickly and efficiently. The redesign introduced the following improvements:

- New high-priority content areas to showcase leading initiatives, including the *Essentials*, DEI programming, well-being, grant-funded initiatives, and special projects.
- A revamped News & Data section to highlight current and archived news releases, fact sheets, white papers, position statements, data spotlights, and other publications.
- Dedicated audience landing pages with content tailored to deans, faculty, and students.
- Updated web page layouts that are more user and mobile-friendly.
- Enhanced MyAACN dashboard to personalize the member experience.
- Continued improvement in web accessibility.
- Updated search functionality and a new quick links section for users to locate information and resources efficiently.
- The AACN website redesign represents a significant step forward in delivering a user-centric platform that facilitates access to information and resources for all members and stakeholders.



year nurses was 87.2% at residency sites, much higher than the national average.

- AACN's Dr. Brigit Carter serves on the **National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing**, which brings national nursing organizations together to better understand the impact of systemic racism on nurses of color. The Commission is leading with an action-oriented approach to addressing racism in education, practice, policy, and research.
- AACN serves as the convener of the **Nursing Nominations Consortium**, which brings 22 nursing organizations together to support nursing candidates to federal councils and committees. Since 2022, a total of 17 nominations have been advanced by the consortium for appointments to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, CDC, and other entities.
- Convened by AACN, the **Nursing Community Coalition** is a coalition of 63 nursing organizations focused on shared federal advocacy efforts related to nursing education, research, and practice.
- With funding provided by the **National Institute on Drug Abuse** (NIDA), AACN awarded \$10,000 in grants this year to support evidence-based practice proposals focused on Substance Use Disorder Treatment.
- For more than 50 years, the **Tri-Council for Nursing** has met to advance shared priorities for the profession. The five member organizations – AACN, ANA, AONL, NLN, and NCSBN – work together to identify advocacy goals and issues of common concern. This year, AACN served as the convener of the Tri-Council.
- The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) accepted two posters for presentation at ICN's biennial Congress in Montreal in July 2023. AACN co-hosted a reception for US nurses at this event in collaboration with the Tri-Council organizations.
- AACN's collaboration with **Apple Education** continued this year with the third Digital Innovators Program for members of the Graduate Nursing Student Academy. This program provides instruction and mentoring to students wishing to embed technology and creativity into their teaching as future faculty.

## EXCELLENCE AND ACCOLADES

### RECOGNIZING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

AACN is committed to recognizing excellence and innovation led by faculty at AACN member schools. Using a competitive nomination process, AACN honors are presented each year to novice and experienced educators. This year's recipients include:

#### AACN NOVICE FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS RECIPIENTS

- *Clinical Teaching Award:* Cynthia Chew, DNP, CPNP-PC, IBCLC, University of Pittsburgh
- *Didactic Teaching Award:* Don Boyd, PhD, CRNA, Columbia University

#### AACN EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Gary Glauberman, PhD, RN, PHNA-BC, NHDP-BC, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Amanda Veesart, PhD, RN, CNE, Texas Tech University Health Science Center

#### AACN SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENT

- Kathleen Poindexter, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, Michigan State University

### RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP

The **John P. McGovern Award** honors Dr. McGovern for his noted clinical practice and research, and distinguished record of scholarship, skill, and service. Award recipients are chosen by the AACN Board of Directors based on their scholarship and the notability of their contributions to nursing, health care, and/or higher education. The 2022 award was presented to **Tener Goodwin Veenema**, PhD, MPS, MS, FAAN, professor, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The **Geraldine "Polly" Bednash Lectureship Award** is presented by the AACN Board of Directors to an individual for their noteworthy contributions to nursing, health care, higher education, and/or interprofessional education. The 2023 award was presented to **Richard Levin**, MD, president and CEO of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

The **Sister Bernadette Armiger Award**, created in honor of AACN's third president, is awarded to a nurse leader who has made significant contributions to AACN and its goals, to nursing education, and to the advancement of the profession. The 2022 award was presented to **Eileen Breslin**, PhD, RN, FAAN, former AACN Board Chair from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio.

### RECOGNIZING ADVOCACY

AACN created the **Lois Capps Policy Luminary Award** to recognize an outstanding nursing leader for his or her public policy achievements. In October 2022 this award was presented to **Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson**, the first registered nurse elected to Congress and a leading champion for federal legislation focused on supporting nurses and nursing education. AACN also recognized **Carol Kenner**, PhD, RN, FAAN, from The College of New Jersey with the **AACN Advocate of the Year Award**.

### RECOGNIZING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

AACN created the **Excellence in Diversity, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Nursing Education Lectureship Award** to recognize outstanding contributions made by schools of nursing that champion diversity and inclusive learning environments. The 2022 awards were presented to **Clafin University**, **Dominican University**, and **The Ohio State University**.



## RECOGNIZING MODEL PARTNERSHIPS

AACN recognizes the power of partnerships through two awards programs, including the New Era for Academic Nursing Award and the Exemplary Academic-Practice Partnership Award.

### NEW ERA FOR ACADEMIC NURSING AWARD RECIPIENT

- University of Florida College of Nursing and University of Florida Health System

### EXEMPLARY ACADEMIC-PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Grand Valley State University College of Nursing and McLaren Health Care
- Illinois State University College of Nursing and Community Health Care Clinic
- Rush University College of Nursing and CommunityHealth

## RECOGNIZING INNOVATION

In addition to the teaching awards, the **Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award** recognizes the work of member schools to re- envision traditional models for nursing education and lead programmatic change. Awards were presented in like-school categories as follows:

- *Academic Health Centers:* **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**
- *Public Colleges/Universities:* **The Ohio State University**
- *Private Colleges/Universities:* **Villanova University**
- *Small/Liberal Arts Colleges:* **Saint Francis University**

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## FY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2023

	AACN	CCNE	2023 Total	2022 Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,553,250	\$3,385,293	\$4,938,543	\$7,120,917
Accounts Receivable	401,807	60,833	462,640	1,087,691
Contributions and Grants Receivable, Net	2,027,052	-	2,027,052	1,486,646
Prepaid Expenses	620,212	104,908	725,120	759,834
Due from/to CCNE	496,385	(496,385)	-	-
Investments	22,846,826	12,551,369	35,398,195	31,657,134
Deferred Compensation Investments	334,860	51,772	386,632	270,084
Operating Right-of-Use Asset	3,189,070	-	3,189,070	-
Finance Right-of-Use Asset, Net	27,436	-	27,436	-
Property and Equipment, Net	764,502	132	764,634	903,687
Security Deposit	62,340	-	62,340	62,340
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$32,323,740</b>	<b>\$15,657,922</b>	<b>\$47,981,662</b>	<b>\$43,348,333</b>

<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$483,039	\$29,559	\$512,598	\$503,537
Grants Payable	-	-	-	200,000
Accrued Vacation	379,101	66,705	445,806	422,625
Operating Lease Liability	4,512,693	-	4,512,693	-
Finance Lease Liability	28,417	-	28,417	-
Deferred Rent	-	-	-	1,508,811
Deferred Revenue	3,291,310	1,722,547	5,013,857	4,842,965
Deferred Compensation Payable	334,860	51,772	386,632	270,084
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,029,420</b>	<b>1,870,583</b>	<b>10,900,003</b>	<b>7,748,022</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Without Donor Restrictions	20,825,968	13,787,339	34,613,307	33,298,612
With Donor Restrictions	2,468,352	-	2,468,352	2,301,699
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>23,294,320</b>	<b>13,787,339</b>	<b>37,081,659</b>	<b>35,600,311</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$32,323,740</b>	<b>\$15,657,922</b>	<b>\$47,981,662</b>	<b>\$43,348,333</b>



For the year ended June 30, 2023	Without Donor Restrictions			With Donor Restrictions	2023 Total	2022 Total
	AACN	CCNE	Total	AACN		
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Contributions and Grants	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,262,989	\$1,262,989	\$3,315,666
Federal Grants	-	-	-	256,379	256,379	1,424,796
Membership Dues	4,948,210	-	4,948,210	-	4,948,210	4,856,423
Registration Fees	3,597,643	32,472	3,630,115	-	3,630,115	2,642,901
Publication Sales	75,731	-	75,731	-	75,731	141,160
Advertising	320,278	-	320,278	-	320,278	363,402
IDS Sales	121,440	-	121,440	-	121,440	116,859
Investment Income (Loss)	1,227,728	787,201	2,014,929	4,689	2,019,618	(2,972,916)
Annual Fees	-	3,011,762	3,011,762	-	3,011,762	2,938,022
Application Fees	-	177,000	177,000	-	177,000	100,500
Site Evaluation Fees	-	990,500	990,500	-	990,500	911,750
New Program Fees	-	112,000	112,000	-	112,000	94,000
CNL Certification Exam Fees	589,438	-	589,438	-	589,438	579,927
Royalties	1,747,411	-	1,747,411	-	1,747,411	2,327,548
Sponsorships	-	-	-	199,705	199,705	112,350
Other	239,934	12,918	252,852	-	252,852	246,829
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,557,109	-	1,557,109	(1,557,109)	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,424,922</b>	<b>5,123,853</b>	<b>19,548,775</b>	<b>166,653</b>	<b>19,715,428</b>	<b>17,199,217</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Program Services</b>						
Grants and Contracts	\$1,200,636	\$-	\$1,200,636	\$-	\$1,200,636	\$1,605,375
Data/Research	553,924	-	553,924	-	553,924	770,138
Academic Nursing	1,672,428	-	1,672,428	-	1,672,428	1,570,816
Government Affairs/Policy	1,268,780	-	1,268,780	-	1,268,780	1,216,786
Communications	1,247,389	-	1,247,389	-	1,247,389	1,198,972
Conferences	2,003,467	-	2,003,467	-	2,003,467	1,472,052
Leadership Programs/Online Learning	950,779	-	950,779	-	950,779	556,805
Student Initiatives	240,021	-	240,021	-	240,021	234,958
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	724,527	-	724,527	-	724,527	635,449
Leadership Networks	387,598	-	387,598	-	387,598	295,800
NursingCAS	424,154	-	424,154	-	424,154	345,933
Certification	512,648	-	512,648	-	512,648	546,666
Accreditation	-	3,822,794	3,822,794	-	3,822,794	2,683,584
Foundation	205,091	-	205,091	-	205,091	181,457
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>11,391,442</b>	<b>3,822,794</b>	<b>15,214,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,214,236</b>	<b>13,314,791</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>						
General and Administrative	2,552,731	194,054	2,746,785	-	2,746,785	2,394,535
Fundraising	273,059	-	273,059	-	273,059	282,297
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>	<b>2,825,790</b>	<b>194,054</b>	<b>3,019,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,019,844</b>	<b>2,676,832</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,217,232</b>	<b>4,016,848</b>	<b>18,234,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,234,080</b>	<b>15,991,623</b>
Change in Net Assets	207,690	1,107,005	1,314,695	166,653	1,481,348	1,207,594
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	20,618,278	12,680,334	33,298,612	2,301,699	35,600,311	34,392,717
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$20,825,968</b>	<b>\$13,787,339</b>	<b>\$34,613,307</b>	<b>\$2,468,352</b>	<b>\$37,081,659</b>	<b>\$35,600,311</b>

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## RECOGNIZING CLINICAL NURSE LEADER (CNL) CHAMPIONS

Each year, AACN and the Commission on Nurse Certification recognize leaders in CNL practice and education who have made a significant impact on advancing this important role. Recipients this year include:

- **CNL Visionary Award: Robert Rose**, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Atrium Health
- **CNL Educator Award: Jeanne Bernier**, MSN, RN, CNL, Mississippi College
- **CNL Vanguard Award: Chrissy Bass**, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center

## RECOGNIZING STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Each year, AACN presents awards for outstanding PhD dissertations and DNP final projects completed by students at member schools. Awards were given in two categories:

### EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCING NURSING SCIENCE AWARDS (PHD)

- **Hideyo Tsumura**, PhD student, Duke University, *Identification of Postoperative Pulmonary Complication Risk by Phenotyping Adult Surgical Patients Who Underwent General Anesthesia with Mechanical Ventilation*

### EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCING NURSING PRACTICE AWARD (DNP)

- **Mitchel Erickson**, DNP student, University of California San Francisco, *Assessing the Impact of Introduced Structured Medication Reconciliation to Older Adults in the Emergency Department*

## RECOGNIZING STUDENT COLLABORATION

Sponsored by the Graduate Nursing Student Academy, the **GNSA Award for PhD-DNP Collaboration Excellence** recognizes the work underway by doctoral students who are partnering on projects that translate research into practice and generate new knowledge. In January 2023, two students were honored for their project titled *The Magic of Collaboration and Innovation! A PhD-DNP-Led Center for Nursing Excellence and Innovation to Promote Nursing Science and Sustain Practice Changes*. The winners were DNP student **Kaylan Branson**, MSN, RN, CPN, CNL, University of Texas Medical Branch, and PhD student **Julie Van Orne**, MSN, RN, CPN, CNL, Texas Woman's University.



## GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

AACN is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors, representing both schools of nursing and practice. The Board consists of 4 officers and 9 members-at-large, each elected by the membership for two-year terms. Two representatives from the practice community are included and AACN's President/CEO serves as an ex-officio member. Members of the association's Nominating Committee are also elected by the AACN membership to serve two-year terms.

The chair of the AACN Board of Directors appoints members to serve on a number of committees that inform the Board's work, including the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Finance, Government Affairs, Membership, and Program Committees. In addition, the Board appoints task forces and advisory groups as issues arise that require study and action.

## COMMITTEES

### AACN ESSENTIALS IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Julie Zerwic, University of Iowa (Co-Chair); Maureen Swick, Consultant (Co-Chair); Bimbola Akintade, East Carolina University; Jackie Dunbar-Jacob, University of Pittsburgh; Kristine L'Ecuyer, Saint Louis University; Kathryn Wirtz Rugen, Veterans Health Administration; Susan Ruppert, University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston; Jean Giddens, Virginia Commonwealth University (Board Liaison); Susan Corbridge, Chief Essentials Program Officer (Staff Liaison); Joan Stanley, Chief Academic Officer (Staff Liaison)



### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Victoria Niederhauser, University of Tennessee Knoxville; Julie Swann, Emory Saint Joseph Hospital; Heather Shelford, Director of Finance and Administration (Staff Liaison)

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Elias Provencio-Vasquez, University of Colorado Anschutz (Chair); Patricia A Cowan, University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences; Mario Ortiz, Binghamton University; Kendra Barrier, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; Aziza Mahmud Pérez, Ponce Health Sciences University; Melissa Joy Roberts, University of Missouri Kansas City; Vivienne Friday, Goodwin University; Demetrius Porche, Louisiana State University Health Science Center (Board Liaison); Brigit Carter, Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer (Staff Liaison)

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## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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## **CNL SUMMIT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tanya Sudia, Augusta University (Chair); Grace Buttriss, Northeastern University; Tymeeka Davis, Department of Veterans Affairs; Tiffany Eichorn, St. Lucie Medical Center; Tobie Olsan, University of Rochester; Robert Rose, Atrium Health; Joan Stanley, Chief Academic Officer (Staff Liaison)

## **DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Cindy Rubenstein, Randolph-Macon College (Chair); Laurie Ann Ferguson, Emory & Henry College; Mary Ellen Glasgow, Duquesne University; Carol Romano, Uniformed Services University; Cynthia Leaver, Director of Academic Nursing Development (Staff Liaison)

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### TRANSFORM CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Jeanette O. Andrews, University of South Carolina (Chair); Angela Clark, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College; Jenny Erkitz, Aspen University; Suling Li, DePaul University; Leesa McBroom, William Jewel College; Maria McDonald, University of Virginia; Kathleen Valentine, Clemson University; Danny Willis, Saint Louis University; Cynthia Leaver, Director of Academic Nursing Development (Staff Liaison)





## TASK FORCES AND ADVISORY GROUPS

### ESSENTIALS-FOCUSED ADVISORY GROUPS

#### ASSESSMENT EXPERT WORKING GROUP

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