



Driving Innovation and Excellence in Academic Nursing

**THE VALUE OF
AACN MEMBERSHIP**

 American Association
of Colleges of Nursing
The Voice of Academic Nursing

Together, We Shape the Future of Nursing Education

Membership in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is more than access to resources. It's a shared commitment to leadership, innovation, and excellence in academic nursing.

When your school joins AACN, you gain a seat at the table with leaders shaping the future of nursing education.

MISSION & IMPACT





As the collective voice for academic nursing, AACN serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice. We build consensus for the standards that guide baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, advocate for policies that expand access to nursing, and serve as a trusted partner for schools navigating a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

AACN believes that empowering nurses through advanced education leads to better outcomes for patients, communities, and the profession. We work closely with leaders in healthcare and higher education at the national level to build a nursing workforce equipped to meet the complex challenges of modern care delivery.

AACN's core commitments to academic nursing include:

- Driving innovation and excellence in academic nursing
- Advocating for effective health policy and increased federal support for baccalaureate and graduate nursing education
- Equipping members with data, tools, and collaboration opportunities to ensure long-term success

WHO WE SERVE



Our membership brings together the entire academic nursing community: deans, faculty, and staff (including business, advancement, and admissions professionals) and students.

AACN's members value opportunities to network with peer professionals, access timely news and essential data on nursing education, and receive guidance on contemporary approaches to teaching and learning.



OUR NATIONAL REACH, YOUR PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGE.

Join a dynamic, growing community that spans the full academic nursing continuum, from deans and faculty to the next generation of nurse leaders.



880+

NURSING SCHOOLS

united by a shared
commitment to
excellence
in baccalaureate
and graduate education

53,500+

FACULTY MEMBERS

building careers,
sharing knowledge,
and shaping the
future through AACN's
professional development

540,000+

STUDENTS

supported through
scholarships, webinars,
leadership development,
and engagement
opportunities



MEMBER BENEFITS

Leadership Development & Professional Growth

- Leadership Development Programs supporting faculty and deans at all levels: aspiring, new, early career, and experienced.
- Leadership Networks for the professional enrichment of faculty, business officers, development professionals, associate directors of research, faculty practice leaders, graduate admissions staff, and professionals facilitating access and engagement
- Free membership for all master's and doctoral students in the Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)

Access to Learning & Continuing Education

- Discounted Conferences with networking opportunities for deans, associate deans, faculty, and graduate students
- Free Webinars that award continuing education credit
- Online Learning Opportunities, including conference recordings, on-demand webinars, and learning modules

Organized Offerings for Academic Nursing Professionals

Resources, Tools & Community Engagement

- Curriculum and educational standards, nursing education policies, and faculty tool kits
- Exclusive access to academic nursing leaders nationwide via the Member Collaboration Community – AACN Connect
- Members-only Scholarships And Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Prestigious awards programs recognizing excellence and innovation
- Access to a free nursing school admissions platform – NursingCAS – with personalized onboarding support

Advocacy Support, Consultation & Curated Information

- Weekly email advisory and updates on emerging issues in academic nursing
- In-depth analysis on policy issues and guidance for advocacy efforts at the federal and local levels
- Timely updates on legislation, regulatory changes, and calls to action impacting academic nursing in AACN's Policy Watch





JOIN AACN TODAY

What Changes with Membership:

- From navigating new standards alone to implementing with national peer support
- From siloed decision-making to policy guidance and collective advocacy
- From isolated innovation to collaboration across 880+ schools nationwide

When academic nursing thrives, the whole profession rises.

Schools looking to join AACN are encouraged to complete the online application found at **www.aacnnursing.org/membership**.

For more details on how to join AACN, please contact the membership department at **202-463-6930** or **membership@aacnnursing.org**.

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