

NURSING FACULTY **DEVELOPMENT** OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



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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 Network Meetings
- Leadership Development Programs
- Free Faculty Webinars
- Exclusive Online Discussion Community-AACN *Connect*
- Faculty Award Programs
- Leadership Development Modules
- Faculty Tool Kits
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Networking with Colleagues
- Newsletters featuring Funding Opportunity Alerts

For more details on all of AACN's services for nurse educators, visit

www.aacnnursing.org/faculty.

CONFERENCES

Nearly 4,000 nurse educators attend AACN's conferences each year making these offerings the preferred professional development option for baccalaureate and graduate nursing program faculty.

TRANSFORM CONFERENCE: *WHERE NURSE FACULTY AND INNOVATION MEET*

Focused on faculty teaching in baccalaureate and master's programs, the annual Transform Conference highlights new developments in academic nursing along with the latest innovations impacting higher education and health care. Sessions feature thought leaders who are redefining how professional nurses are educated and how they practice. Faculty enjoy robust discussions and network-building with those on the leading edge of nursing education.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Faculty Development Conference takes place as a pre-event to Transform Conference and is an informative and engaging program that supports those new to the faculty role but also seeks to provide educational opportunities for more experienced educators. Experts and seasoned academic leaders share their insights and key principles for innovative and engaging course design while also addressing aspects of the faculty role related to creating an active learning environment, clinical teaching, and student evaluation.

DOCTORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Doctoral Education Conference is focused on those who teach in doctoral programs, as well as those with primary responsibility for developing doctorally-prepared nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and advancing research agendas. The Doctoral Conference convenes annually to address national trends in doctoral education, strategies to increase enrollment, and methods to maintain quality in doctoral education. Conference hallmarks include content addressing both the practice and the research doctorate, where attendees are encouraged to consider and debate issues central to doctoral nursing education.

DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

Individuals with an interest and focus on advancing diversity and creating more inclusive learning environments should attend this symposium. Inclusive excellence embodies both quality and diversity. Sessions focus on preparing a more diverse nursing workforce to provide high-quality care, which is critical to addressing healthcare disparities and health inequities.

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SERIES (EDS) FOR FACULTY

The Executive Development Series for Faculty supports development of leadership principles and skill necessary for successful transition of faculty into leadership positions. The leadership topics and learning exercises offer insights into the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of academic nursing leaders and administrators.

CLINICAL NURSE LEADER (CNL) SUMMIT

This national forum is offered for all healthcare and academic audiences currently implementing or interested in exploring CNL education and practice. Major health systems across the nation have discovered how CNLs transform practice and improve care. The summit showcases these achievements in education and practice and provides tools to enhance an understanding of the changing healthcare environment and the value added by CNLs.

For details on all AACN conferences, see www.aacnursing.org/conferences.

ONLINE LEARNING

WEBINARS

AACN offers dozens of free faculty webinars each year on topics of special interest to those teaching in baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. This includes the *Essentials* Implementation Webinar Series, which was developed to facilitate the transition to a new approach to nursing education. Faculty attending live webinars or those who access our extensive collection of on-demand webinars may earn free American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)-accredited CE credits.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION MODULES

This on-demand module series offers guidance and practical strategies on how to navigate real-world challenges and amplify your effectiveness. Content is designed to stimulate fresh thinking and provide solutions to some of your most pressing challenges. Modules will enrich your understanding of key principles and practices needed for leaders to succeed in the academic arena.

For more details, visit the Online Learning Center:
www.aacnursing.org/conferences-webinars/online-learning.



LEADERSHIP NETWORKS

AACN's eight Leadership Networks offer a variety of programs and annual meetings for nursing school faculty and staff. Stand-alone meetings are offered each year by the Business Officers of Nursing Schools (BONUS), Nursing Advancement Professionals (NAP), and Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals (GNAP). Program sessions and workshops are presented in conjunction with other AACN conferences for the Organizational Leadership Network (OLN), Faculty Leadership Network (FLN), Practice Leadership Network (PLN), Research Leadership Network (RLN) and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Network (DEILN).

For additional details about AACN's Leadership Networks, see www.aacnnursing.org/leadership-networks.

FACULTY AWARDS & PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

FACULTY AWARDS

AACN recognizes outstanding nurse educators through awards programs open to faculty at different stages in their careers, including the Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award, the Novice Faculty Teaching Awards, and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Excellence Award. AACN also awards the Diversity, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Nursing Education Lectureship Award, the Exemplary Academic-Practice Partnership Award, Innovation in Professional Nursing Education Award, and the CNL Educator Award. See www.aacnnursing.org/awards.

JOURNAL OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING

AACN's journal seeks articles focused on education, practice, research, and policy issues of interest to faculty and academic nursing leaders from baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. To find out more about submitting a paper for consideration or to read the latest issue, see www.aacnnursing.org/news-information/publications/jpn.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

AACNConnect

Free for AACN member faculty, this space allows participants to share best practices, curriculum concerns, innovations, request feedback, and have their voice heard in the nursing community. This platform provides a convenient way for faculty to access expert advice, seek practical solutions to everyday challenges, identify best practices, and share the latest news impacting academic nursing.

See www.aacnnursing.org/membership/volunteer-engagement/aacn-connect.



FACULTY LINK NEWSLETTER

Every month, faculty affiliated with AACN receive this newsletter, which includes announcements about free webinars, funding opportunity alerts, enrichment opportunities, faculty awards and scholarships, government advocacy resources, and nursing education news. Sign up now for Faculty Link and AACN's other newsletters at www.aacnursing.org/my-aacn/subscriptions.

DIVERSITY DIGEST

The Diversity Digest is a quarterly newsletter that highlights AACN's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and efforts from AACN member schools promoting DEI in the academic nursing community.

AACN NEWS WATCH

Stay connected to AACN by signing up to receive this weekly email advisory covering the association's new initiatives, political advocacy, publications, conferences, collaborations, and funding opportunities for faculty. To receive this newsletter, go to www.aacnursing.org/my-aacn/subscriptions.

SYLLABUS

Syllabus, the bimonthly, online newsletter of AACN, reports the latest Association activities and developments in nursing higher education. Coverage includes interviews with top policymakers, updates on federal legislation and regulatory policy, and updates on a range of critical issues in nursing education, nursing research, and health care.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

ELEVATING LEADERS IN ACADEMIC NURSING (ELAN)

Designed for aspiring deans and senior faculty in leadership roles, 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 peers. ELAN is a component of the association's bold approach to leadership development – **AACN LEADS** – which offers a variety of learning opportunities for all individuals along the leadership continuum. For more details on **AACN LEADS** and other leadership development offerings for faculty, see www.aacnursing.org/conferences-webinars/leadership-development.

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

AACN's Diversity Leadership Institute provides an overview of the current state of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in academic nursing and the role of Diversity Officers. Expert facilitators frame DEI within the context of higher education and academic nursing while presenting effective strategies and practices that can be deployed at schools of nursing to promote inclusion and advance health equity. To learn more about this offering, see www.aacnursing.org/diversity-leadership-institute.

SUMMER SEMINAR

Academic nurse leaders come together each summer in a picturesque setting far away from the pressures of daily administration to sharpen their leadership skills, strengthen leadership team relationships, and renew personal leadership goals. The Summer Seminar supports greater understanding of self, team, and talent utilizing innovative experiences informed by engaging workshops incorporating principles of aesthetics, humanities, and cognitive diversity. Participants are refreshed, renewed, and recommitted to excellence in academic nursing.

Learn more at www.aacnursing.org/summer-seminar.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AACN encourages faculty to get involved in the work of AACN, including volunteer service on advisory committees, task forces, program subcommittees, and other working groups. Additional opportunities are available through the Leadership Networks, including service on Steering Committees and as abstract reviewers.

See www.aacnnursing.org/membership/volunteer-engage.

FACULTY TOOL KITS

These resources provide a wealth of information for faculty looking to enrich the curriculum and embed new content in specific areas, including diversity, equity, and inclusion, veterans' health care, holistic admissions review, and cultural competency, among others.

See <https://www.aacnnursing.org/faculty-tool-kits>.

AACN CAREER CENTER

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

See www.aacnnursing.org/career-center.

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 in this brochure, AACN's Web site provides many additional resources for faculty, including downloadable versions of the *Essentials* links to curriculum standards in a variety of specialty areas; position statements, white papers, 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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