



American Association
of Colleges of Nursing

The Voice of Academic Nursing

STRATEGIC PLAN

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VISION

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

MISSION

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

VALUES

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

FY 2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: AACN is the driving force for leadership, innovation, and excellence in academic nursing.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

Definition of Academic Nursing

Academic nursing encompasses the integration of practice, education, and research.



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