

## Call for Nominations/Applications

As of March 2026, Dr. Patricia Morton retired from her role as editor of the official AACN journal, *Journal of Professional Nursing (JPN)*, and she will serve in an Editor Emerita role. Interim editor-in-chief Dr. Mary Bondmass will serve through December 31, 2026.

The Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing is now inviting applications or nominations for the position of editor-in-chief for a term starting January 1, 2027. *JPN* is a peer-reviewed bimonthly journal that focuses on the practice, research, and policy roles of nurses with baccalaureate and graduate degrees, the education and management concerns of the universities in which they are educated, and the settings in which they practice. Reports of original work, research, reviews, and policy papers focusing on professional nursing are published. *JPN* is published by Elsevier.

AACN seeks outstanding candidates who reflect the variety of interests and perspectives of the communities served by AACN and *JPN*. All members of AACN and the nursing education community are invited to participate in this process. AACN seeks your opinions and comments on (1) the current state of the journal; (2) recommendations for change, if any; and, most importantly, (3) candidates for editor-in-chief.

Qualifications for the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Professional Nursing* include:

- Doctoral degree in nursing or a related field
- Significant editorial experience, including as an author/reviewer for nursing journals
- Comprehensive knowledge of prominent issues in professional nursing and nursing education
- Scholarly accomplishments within nursing and healthcare
- Demonstrated research, writing, reviewing, and managerial skills
- Commitment to AACN's mission and goals
- Excellent communication skills
- A broad editorial perspective encompassing relevant advances in baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral nursing education and the professional formation of nurses
- A vision and plan for enhancing the reputation and stature of *JPN* in a way that
  - increases the journal's impact, as measured by impact factor, downloads, and other metrics;
  - is connected, serving the entire AACN community and other related communities; and

- incorporates the latest advances in the full range of academic nursing in charting potential new directions for work within the journal's scope
- A clear understanding of and a vision for the role of *JPN* in the electronic and open-access age
- Commitment to engage an accessible editorial board
- Ability to manage the editorial process fairly, effectively, and efficiently as well as make the time-commitment to do so

Further information about the journal is available at: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-information/publications/jpn>.

**Working arrangements:**

- Five-year term of appointment
- Must meet strict deadlines to produce six issues of the journal annually
- Must use Elsevier's electronic manuscript review system
- Work closely with managing editor, publisher, and editorial board
- Training provided, preferably before term begins to overlap with current editor.
- Required attendance at AACN's Nursing Leadership Conference every fall to report to AACN Board of Directors and Membership
- Must conduct annual meetings of editorial board
- Benefits include honorarium and some travel expenses

**TO APPLY**

A complete application package will include curriculum vitae, a statement addressing the qualification criteria listed here, as well as a vision statement for how the journal might evolve under your leadership. For nominations, simply send candidate name, affiliation, and short statement as to what makes them a suitable candidate for *JPN*.

**Nomination deadline is July 15, 2026. Application deadline is July 31, 2026.**

Please submit your application package to Kara Tucker, AACN Associate Director of Publications ([ktucker@aacnnursing.org](mailto:ktucker@aacnnursing.org)).