

Call for Applications

Editor-in Chief

Journal of Professional Nursing

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) invites applications for the position of editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Professional Nursing* (JPN) for a three-year term starting January 1, 2027.

JPN is a peer-reviewed publication ranked among the top sources for scholarship focused on academic nursing. The journal features original work, research findings, reviews, and opinion pieces that inform the future of nursing education, leadership, research, practice, and health policy. Published by Elsevier, this bimonthly publication serves as a primary information source for educational leaders, faculty, researchers, students, and clinicians committed to advancing the nursing profession.

AACN seeks outstanding candidates who demonstrate an in-depth understanding of academic nursing and emerging issues impacting healthcare and higher education. Qualifications for the editor-in-chief role 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, article downloads, and other metrics;
 - serves AACN and our communities of interest; 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 fostering an engaged 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>.

Role Expectations

- Initial three-year term of appointment; may be renewed up to two times following performance review
- Must meet deadlines to produce six issues of the journal annually
- Must use Elsevier's electronic manuscript review system
- Work closely with AACN's managing editor, associate editor(s), publisher, and editorial board
- Onboarding provided, preferably before term begins to overlap with interim editor
- Required attendance at AACN's Academic Nursing Leadership Conference every fall to report to AACN Board of Directors and/or membership
- Must conduct annual meetings of editorial board
- Benefits include honorarium, reimbursement for attending two AACN conferences, and reimbursement for participating in International Academy of Nursing Editors when the budget permits

Submitting an Application

A complete application package must include a curriculum vitae, a brief letter (no more than 2 pages) summarizing your qualifications, and a vision statement for how the journal might evolve under your leadership. Please submit your application package and address any questions to Kara Tucker, AACN Associate Director of Publications, at ktucker@aacnnursing.org.

Application deadline is August 6, 2026. Initial interviews will be scheduled in early September.