## American Association of Colleges of Nursing

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>VISION</strong></th>
<th>Nurses are transforming health care to improve health and achieve health equity.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>MISSION</strong></td>
<td>As the collective voice for academic nursing, AACN serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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.