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Mark your Calendars: Upcoming Webinars to Watch

Faculty Policy Think Tank: Content Leveling, January 30 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET

AACN's Faculty Policy Think Tank, comprised of content experts from AACN member schools, developed [recommendations](#) to improve health policy education at all levels of nursing. Two think tank members, Dr. Christine Anderson, Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Michigan, and Dr. Patricia Brennan, Professor at Samuel Merritt University, will discuss content leveling and competencies essential for BSN, master's, and doctoral students to demonstrate in policy education. [Register here.](#)



National Provider Identifier (NPI) Webinar, February 5 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Dr. Connie Delaney, Professor and Dean at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, will describe the relevance and impact of National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) on the nursing profession. Dr. Delaney will discuss adoption strategies for the NPI and address education, practice, research, and policy implications. [Register here.](#)



Credit: The Washington Post

The Washington Post Hosts Leading Educators Addressing Future Workforce Needs

Leaders in education convened at The Washington Post's "Transformers: Education" event on January 17. The speakers included newly elected Rep. Donna Shalala (D-FL), former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and [long-time champion](#) of nurses. Rep. Shalala discussed innovative initiatives preparing today's students for the workforce. Watch the [video highlights](#) or listen to the [podcast](#).



Credit: HRSA NHSC

National Health Service Corps Launches Substance Use Disorder Loan Repayment Program

HRSA's National Health Service Corps (NHSC) launched a new program to increase and improve access to opioid and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in underserved areas throughout the nation. The NHSC SUD Workforce Loan Repayment Program offers up to \$75,000 in student loan repayment awards to qualified clinicians, including nurse practitioners and registered nurses, who commit to serve three years at a [NHSC-approved site](#) providing SUD services in underserved communities. The deadline for applications is February 21, 7:30 pm ET. [Learn more.](#)

In addition, HRSA will host several Virtual Job Fairs specifically for substance use disorder professionals this February and March. For more information and to register, visit this [HRSA website](#).