

THE VALUE OF AACN MEMBERSHIP

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE

IN ACADEMIC NURSING



 American Association
of Colleges of Nursing

The Voice of Academic Nursing

MISSION AND IMPACT

As the collective voice for academic nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice. AACN establishes quality standards for nursing education, influences the nursing profession to improve health care, and promotes public support of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education.

AACN is committed to working with the education and healthcare community at the national level to create a highly educated nursing workforce able to meet the challenges of contemporary practice. We strongly believe that encouraging all nurses to advance their education is in the best interest of patients and an important step toward enhancing patient safety.



On behalf our robust membership, AACN is committed to:

- ▶ being the driving force behind innovation and excellence in academic nursing.
- ▶ advocating for effective health policy and federal support for baccalaureate and graduate nursing education.
- ▶ building strategic partnerships with leaders in health care and higher education.
- ▶ facilitating initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion.
- ▶ connecting members to a multitude of resources and funding opportunities that will help nursing schools succeed today and in the future.

WHO WE SERVE

Membership in AACN is institutional and includes as members all those in the nursing academic unit, including the dean, faculty members, administrative staff (such as business officers, development/advancement and admissions staff), and students.



BY THE NUMBERS

AACN members typically cite the following reasons for affiliating with AACN:

- ▶ **Networking** with colleagues and information sharing
- ▶ **Bringing** AACN policies and guidelines to your schools
- ▶ **Receiving** news about nursing education issues
- ▶ **Accessing** AACN data and related services
- ▶ **Supporting** the mission and goals of AACN



825+ nursing schools at colleges and universities nationwide are members of AACN.



45,000+

faculty members have access to AACN's conferences, webinars, teaching resources, and thought leadership.



543,000+

student members have access to enrollment, scholarship, and nursing career resources, including the Graduate Nursing Student Academy.

MEMBER BENEFITS

By joining AACN, you and your school can take advantage of the following benefits:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT

- ▶ **Leadership Development Programs** tailored to faculty, aspiring deans, new deans, early career deans, and experienced deans
- ▶ **Discounted Conferences** with networking opportunities for deans, associate deans, faculty, and graduate students
- ▶ **Free Webinars** that award continuing education credit
- ▶ **Online Learning Opportunities**, including conference recordings, on-demand webinars, and learning modules
- ▶ **Leadership Networks** to meet the professional enrichment needs of faculty, business officers, development professionals, associate directors of research, faculty practice leaders, and graduate admissions staff
- ▶ **Free Membership** for all your master's and doctoral students in the Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)



MEMBER BENEFITS

RESOURCES, TOOLS, & OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Curriculum and Educational Standards, Nursing Education Policies, and Faculty Tool Kits
- ▶ **Exclusive access** to academic nursing leaders nationwide via the Member Collaboration Community – *AACN Connect*
- ▶ **Free access** to a state-of-the-art nursing school admissions platform – NursingCAS – and personalized onboarding support
- ▶ Hundreds of **Volunteer Opportunities**
- ▶ **Institutional Research and Data Services**, including benchmarking and custom reports
- ▶ Members-only **Scholarships and Funding Opportunity** Announcements
- ▶ **Prestigious Awards Programs** profiling excellence and innovation
- ▶ **Discounted Member Pricing** on AACN's Career Center



ADVOCACY SUPPORT, CONSULTATION, & CURATED INFORMATION

- ▶ **In-depth analysis** on policy issues and guidance for advocacy efforts at the federal and local levels
- ▶ **Free Subscription** to the *Journal of Professional Nursing* and a variety of curated newsletters and informational resources
- ▶ **Media Relations Support** and access to the latest data and information related to nursing education, research, and practice
- ▶ **Consultation and education** on creating a diverse and inclusive learning environment
- ▶ **Exemplars and advice** for supporting interprofessional learning and creating academic-practice partnerships
- ▶ **Guidance** on Baccalaureate and Graduate Program Accreditation
- ▶ **Support** for certifying Clinical Nurse Leaders
- ▶ **Expert Consultant Referrals** on request
- ▶ **Easy and Exclusive Online Access** to content on the web



JOIN AACN TODAY.

Schools looking to join AACN are encouraged to complete the online application found at www.aacnnursing.org/Join-AACN.

For more details on how to join AACN, please contact the membership department at **202-463-6930** or membership@aacnnursing.org.



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