



Nurse Faculty Development Opportunities & Resources

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the recognized leader in providing faculty development opportunities and resources for nurse educators teaching in baccalaureate and graduate programs. AACN encourages professional growth and engagement in the organization through an extensive array of faculty services, including:

- **Conferences and Regional Courses**
- **Funding Opportunity Announcements**
- **Scholarships and Award Programs**
- **Government Advocacy Resources**
- **Leadership Development Programs**
- **Opportunities to Assume Leadership Roles**
- **Networking with Colleagues**
- **Resources for New and Future Faculty**

For more details on all of AACN's services for nurse educators, visit the online Nurse Faculty Resource Center found at www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty.

Conferences & Training Opportunities

More than 3,000 nurse educators attend AACN's conferences each year making these offerings the preferred professional development option for baccalaureate and graduate nursing program faculty. Learn more about upcoming AACN conferences at www.aacn.nche.edu/Conferences.

- **Annual Doctoral, Master's and Baccalaureate Conferences**
Offered every January, February, and December, respectively, these dynamic conferences focus on topics of particular interest to faculty teaching in professional nursing programs, including the latest innovations in educational methods and pedagogies.
- **Faculty Practice and Hot Issues Conferences**
Scheduled every other year, these conferences alternately address operational concerns for educators focused on faculty practice and emerging issues of general concern to all faculty, such as simulation.
- **End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Training Courses**
The award-winning ELNEC program offers train-the-trainer courses and a rich variety of resources for faculty interested in enhancing their ability to teach essential end-of-life nursing care.
- **Graduate Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) Faculty Development Institutes**
Funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, GNEC provides educators with the skills and state-of-the-art resources needed to imbed best geriatric nursing practices in senior-level BSN curricula.

Leadership Development Programs

AACN focuses a significant part of its educational programming on preparing nurse faculty to assume a variety of leadership roles in the academic environment, including nursing school dean.

- **Executive Development Series (EDS)**
EDS meetings are designed to prepare faculty to transition into leadership positions with topics and exercises focused on developing the expertise needed top administrators.
- **Leadership for Academic Nursing Program**
This competitive, year-long program provides participants with a focused assessment experience, a range of content and case studies related to successful leadership, and the opportunity to establish networks with mentors and peers.
- **Summer Seminar**
Every July, deans and senior faculty gather to discuss nursing education issues and engage in executive development for aspiring, new, and experienced academic leaders.

Join Your Colleagues in the Instructional Leadership Network

The Instructional Leadership Network (ILN) is comprised of nurse faculty responsible for educational programs, including curriculum development experts and faculty with teaching and/or curriculum as a primary responsibility.

The ILN fosters professional growth, information sharing, communication, and discussion of key issues.

For details on how to join, see:
www.aacn.nche.edu/Networks/iln.

Awards, Funding & Publishing Opportunities

Awards Programs

AACN spotlights the unique contributions faculty make to advancing nursing education through the annual Hartford Awards for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing Education, the ELNEC Awards, and the new Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Awards. See www.aacn.nche.edu/MemberServices/Awards.htm.

Funding Opportunity Announcements

Each month, AACN shares information about grants, fellowships, scholarships, and other funding sources of particular interest to nurse faculty and students. To receive these Opportunity Alerts via *AACN News Watch*, see the sign-up information below. Also check online at www.aacn.nche.edu/Government/opps.htm.

Journal of Professional Nursing

AACN's professional journal accepts articles focused on the practice, research, and policy roles of nurses with baccalaureate and graduate degrees, and the educational and management concerns of the schools in which they are educated. For more information, see www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/jpn.htm.

Advocacy & Information Resources

State Advocacy Resources

AACN created an online resource and teaching tool to assist schools in their efforts to secure funding at the state level. Educators may use this material to develop their own state legislation, identify faculty shortage strategies, explore potential partnerships and grant-funding opportunities, and make contact with legislators. See www.aacn.nche.edu/Government/StateResources.htm.

AACN News Watch

Stay connected to AACN by signing up to receive this monthly email advisory covering the association's new initiatives, political advocacy, publications, conferences, collaborations, and funding opportunities for faculty. To sign up, send an email to lguetter@aacn.nche.edu.

Resources for New & Future Faculty

Education Scholar

Using a Web-based program, AACN offers a convenient way for nursing faculty to improve teaching skills and enhance the foundation of their educational practice. This self-paced program engages the learner with readings, video, reflective questions, and active exercises. See www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/edscholar.htm.

Faculty Development Conference

Offered in February, this conference targets faculty early in their careers and is designed to strengthen the essential skills needed to teach in professional nursing programs. Topics typically include teaching strategies, pedagogy, and the faculty role.

Faculty Scholarship Programs

AACN actively seeks out opportunities to create scholarship programs targeted toward faculty development. The following programs are now accepting applications:

- The California Endowment-AACN Minority Nurse Faculty Scholarship
- The Johnson & Johnson Campaign-AACN Minority Scholars Program
- AfterCollege-AACN Scholarship Fund

To apply, see www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty.

Financial Aid for Graduate Study

AACN has compiled an online list of financial aid opportunities for graduate nursing study, including information about loan forgiveness programs. See www.aacn.nche.edu/Faculty.

Faculty Career Link

This online resource spotlights employment opportunities in nursing education and serves as an information clearinghouse to help future faculty locate academic programs, find financial aid, and explore faculty development programs. See www.aacn.nche.edu/CareerLink.

AACN Serves the Unique Needs of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nurse Faculty

Nurse faculty at all levels are invited to take full advantage of their institutional membership in AACN. Beyond the services spotlighted here, AACN's Web site provides many additional resources for faculty, including downloadable versions of the *Essentials* documents; links to curriculum standards in a variety of specialty areas; position statements, issue bulletins and fact sheets that serve as teaching resources; presentations from recent AACN conferences; and the latest data and strategies for addressing the registered nurse and nurse faculty shortages.

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