AACN’s 2009 Legislative Agenda

1. Increase budget allocations and appropriations for programs authorized under the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) that support nursing.

2. Increase budget allocations and appropriations for federally funded nursing research.

3. Collaborate with the 111th Congress and the Administration to include nursing issues and nursing leaders in the discussions and development of healthcare reform initiatives.

4. Reauthorize Title VII and VIII of the PHSA.

5. Advance capitation grants legislation and new nursing education legislation under the PHSA and other authorities.

6. Establish and fund a program within the DoD to address the military and civilian nursing shortages.

7. Increase budget allocations and appropriations for the recently authorized nursing programs under the Higher Education Act (HEA).

8. Enhance AACN member education and identify federal funding opportunities for nursing and healthcare research in addition to programmatic grants.

9. Develop nursing leaders in policy, legislation, and regulation.