



**The Voice** *for* **Nursing Education**



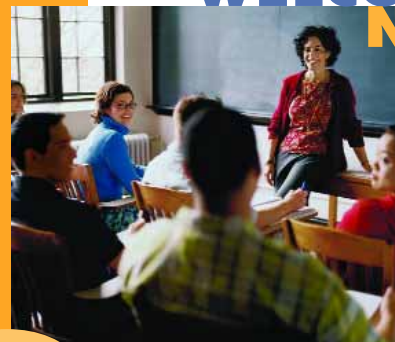
Promoting  
**excellence**  
in nursing  
education  
to build a  
strong and  
diverse  
nursing  
workforce

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# welcome

## WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING



This brochure serves as your guide to the National League for Nursing, the premier organization for nurse faculty, schools of nursing, and leaders in nursing education. Dedicated to excellence in nursing, the NLN offers faculty development, networking opportunities, testing services, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its members, who represent all types of nursing education programs, from doctoral to licensed practical nursing.

### Four dynamic and integrated core values permeate the NLN and are reflected in our work:

- **Caring:** promoting health, healing, and hope in response to the human condition
- **Integrity:** respecting the dignity and moral wholeness of every person without conditions or limitations
- **Diversity:** affirming the uniqueness of and differences among persons, ideas, values, and ethnicities
- **Excellence:** creating and implementing transformative strategies with daring ingenuity

## WHO WE ARE

We are the organization that remains dedicated to the delivery of quality care through the nurses our faculty prepare.

With a national and international impact, **the NLN is the leader in nursing education.**

**The NLN is committed to its members;** we have built a diverse, sustainable, and member-led organization with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with our values.

Voicing the interests of the nursing education community in political, academic, and professional arenas, **the NLN champions nurse educators.**

**The NLN advances the science of nursing education,** promoting evidence-based nursing education and the scholarship of teaching.

### NLN members are

- Nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education in **all** types of nursing programs — doctoral, master's, baccalaureate, associate degree, diploma, and practical
- Agencies, organizations, and companies committed to excellence in nursing education
- Members of the global community, from Cameroon, Canada, Guam, India, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Holland, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, the United Kingdom...
- The best and the brightest in nursing education, a diverse workforce of faculty members, researchers, and pedagogical scholars who mentor and serve as role models for future nurses and nurse educators

## EXCELLENCE INITIATIVES

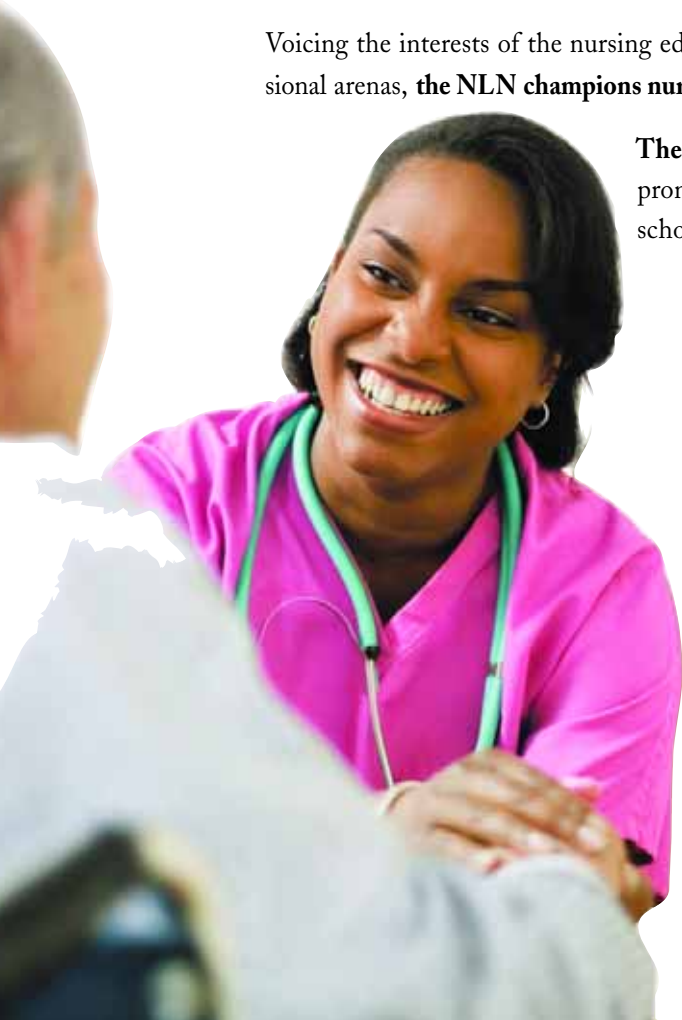
**The Academy of Nursing Education** fosters excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding nurse educators. Fellows support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education. They serve as resources for new educators and for those in clinical practice who hope to some day enter the academic community.

## WHAT WE OFFER

The specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities of nurse faculty are recognized and rewarded through the **Academic Nurse Educator Certification Program.** Certification, a universally recognized mark of professionalism, raises the visibility and status of the academic nurse educator role as an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting. More than 1,000 CNE-credentialed nurse educators have already passed the rigorous certification exam, communicating to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met.

Schools of nursing that distinguish themselves by outstanding achievement in the promotion of excellence in nursing education are publicly acknowledged through the NLN's **Centers of Excellence in Nursing Education Program.** The three-year designation is based on sustained demonstration of excellence in faculty development, nursing education research, or student learning and professional development.

Designed to facilitate understanding of the complexity of the nursing education enterprise and stimulate thinking among faculty and students about the concepts of excellence, the NLN **Excellence in Nursing Education Model** illustrates the elements needed to achieve excellence in our schools of nursing.



## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Professional development, essential in health care settings, is equally important in nursing education. To prepare today's nursing workforce — where patients, families, and other members of the health care team expect nurses to be well-developed providers of care, knowledge, support, and

inspiration — faculty must continually hone skills, sharpen knowledge, and strive for excellence. The NLN's faculty development activities provide many and varied paths to helping nurse educators teach nursing in increasingly complex educational and health care environments.

The NLN's conferences, workshops, courses, audioweb seminars, and retreats take place across the country and through the web. As nurse educators exchange ideas, insights, and experiences and benefit from the expertise of leaders in the field, they are empowered to become exemplars of academic excellence within their institutions and beyond.

A provider for continuing education through the International Association of Continuing Education and

Training (IACET), the NLN offers CE credits for all its faculty development programs, from the annual **Education Summit** to an extensive array of **face-to-face conferences, online courses, and audioweb seminars.**

Informatics, simulation, clinical education, and other curricular issues are explored and shared through the NLN's pedagogical research program. **Scholarships** offered by the NLN and the **NLN Foundation for Nursing Education** enable nurses to pursue advanced degrees in preparation for the faculty role. **Grants**, often offered in collaboration with foundations and other funding agencies, support scholarly research in nursing education and special programs such as the **Faculty Leadership & Mentoring Program** (Johnson & Johnson) and the **Simulation Innovation Research Center** (Laerdal Medical).



## TESTING SERVICES

Though nursing and nursing education grow ever more complex, NLN tests remain the gold standard for NCLEX® preparation and high retention rates for nursing students, **providing integrated testing solutions for both RN and PN programs.** NLN Testing Services revenue supports faculty development opportunities for nurse educators.

Developed in accordance with the NLN's longstanding philosophy of consultation with nurse educators and clinicians and reflective of the educational needs of academia, NLN tests are predictive and empirically based, meeting the highest psychometric standards of excellence. Ongoing validation and reliability studies ensure the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness for which NLN tests have long been known.

The NLN's integrated testing solutions ensure the highest level of student achievement on exams, as well as predictability of student success from pre-admission through graduation. They include the **Pre-Admission Examination** with an online registration system, **Achievement Examinations** with practice tests and online remediation, **Pre-NCLEX Readiness Examinations** anchored by the **NLN Live Review®**, the **Question Review Bank** with comprehensive rationales, and the online **Practice Assessment Series.**



## CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nurse faculty, by virtue of their role in shaping tomorrow's nurses, are leaders of leaders, teaching their students to understand the unique role that nurses have in bringing about the transformation of the community, the country, the world. NLN members have a vital role to play in creating change, in helping to set the standards for excellence and lifelong learning. Opportunities for participation are vast: members serve on the board of governors, present at NLN conferences, contribute to nursing education literature and research, and much more.

The NLN connects with members and the wider community through an extensive variety of channels. **Advisory councils** address and influence significant issues in nursing education and provide important feedback to the NLN Board of Governors. **Affiliated constituent leagues** in states and regions across the country afford opportunities to support the mission of the NLN

at the local level. *Nursing Education Perspectives* provides cutting-edge research articles and opportunities for publication. **Alliances with other nursing organizations** generate a powerful voice advocating for quality nursing education. **NLN ambassadors** in schools of nursing keep constituents up-to-date on NLN programs and activities and the NLN informed on nurse faculty issues and concerns. **Position statements** and the **Reflection & Dialogue** series discuss initiatives that affect nursing education and health care. The NLN's award-winning **website**, including the NLN Marketplace and the NLN Career Center, is a portal to resources, programs, and benefits; and a wealth of information about nursing education and health care.



## PUBLIC POLICY, DIVERSITY, AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Nursing practice at its core compels the National League for Nursing and its members to engage in civic affairs, aiding and informing policies that affect the quality of health care in the US and around the world. The NLN's public policy agenda seeks to shape and influence those policies that affect nurse workforce development through research and action.

With the new international realities of migration dissolving borders between countries, advanced communication technology, global health care needs, and a worldwide nursing shortage, preparing an ethnically and racially diverse workforce of faculty, researchers, and scholars to mentor future nurses and nurse educators is a critical priority. INESA, the NLN's **joint global task force** with the NLN Accrediting Commission, works with the International Council of Nurses' new **Nursing Education Network** to help bring together the community of nurse educators from around the world.

The NLN discovers and shares valuable insight into conditions and challenges faced by the nation's nurse educators through public policy research, such as the NLN-Carnegie Foundation **National Study of Nurse Educators: Compensation, Workload, and Teaching Practices** and the **Annual Survey of Schools of Nursing**.

In the government affairs arena, the NLN advocates for adequate funding for federal Title VIII-Nursing Workforce Development Programs; endorses evidence-based policy strategies for health care capacity building, such as programs for recruiting and retaining nursing students; and advances best practices to establish an infrastructure of well-prepared nurses who can ably respond to the nation's growing and ever-changing health care needs.



## Contact the NLN

At the NLN, we welcome your comments and queries. Visit [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org) or use the list below to email the appropriate department and staff member. And if you are not sure where to go, email [generalinfo@nln.org](mailto:generalinfo@nln.org) or call 800-669-1656. Your message will be forwarded to just the right person at the NLN.

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