



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING

2020 Pre-Application Self-Assessment Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to assist you in assessing your professional contributions to health and health care as you consider applying for Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing (Academy). It will serve as a guide to document your impact (in service, practice, education, advocacy, policy, or research) so that you can best determine the focus of your application. Should you decide to move forward with applying for Fellowship, it will be important to share this assessment with your identified sponsors. Your two sponsors, who are Fellows of the Academy in good standing, will be able to better support you in this process having considered your answers to the questions below. Please note, this is **not required** to complete. It serves as a tool for you as you prepare for the application process.

Before you begin, please start by reviewing the **American Academy of Nursing's Fellowship criteria**:

1. Specific evidence of outstanding contributions to the improvement of health and health at the national or international level or illustrate how state/regional impact demonstrates the potential for scalable application. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to documentation of the following:
 - Consistent outstanding contributions over time.
 - Contributions with significant, measurable impact.
 - Dissemination of important information about the contributions.
 - Adoption of your research findings and/or innovations that guide changes in education, research, administration, policy, service, or practice.
2. Membership in the American Nurses Association (ANA) or a state nurses association that holds membership in the ANA. (International Applicants- Membership in good standing with a Nurses Association holding membership in the International Council of Nurses).

By answering the questions below, you will have the opportunity to assess your impact and hone your responses to the application questions. The questions on the application require succinct and purposeful responses, with word limits ranging from a minimum of 100 to a maximum of 600. Therefore, you should work to answer each of these questions in no more than 300 words.

1. Describe how your expertise has demonstrated critical impact on practice, health systems, education, service, or policy at the state, regional, national, or international level. Be specific about the outcomes (i.e. changes to state or local law, adoption of or changes to state, national, or international standards). Include a description of how the outcomes will be sustained over time and what your additional contributions to health and health care will be in the next decade.
2. Describe your current leadership role in organizations or structures outside of your current position. How does your involvement in these organization(s) elevate your significant contributions to health and health care?
3. Explain at least two ways by which you will commit to advancing the mission and vision of the Academy by participating in the organization's work.