

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FELLOW



AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF NURSING

As a Fellow, you will join the collective efforts to support the American Academy of Nursing's mission:

Serve the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership.

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE

Together, Academy Fellows help advance sustainable progress to improve health and wellness. While it is individual contributions that awards the Fellow designation, the true power of the Fellowship is our shared nursing knowledge and influence that bolsters our impact locally and globally.

THE ACADEMY IS COMPRISED OF MORE THAN



2,800 FELLOWS

REPRESENTING



**ALL
50 STATES**

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA &
US VIRGIN ISLANDS**



AND 38 COUNTRIES

STAY CONNECTED

The Academy has a number of ways to stay current. Through these channels, you will be connected to the most important information and opportunities!

FAAN MAIL

Each month FAAN mail provides you with the most up-to-date information related to Fellowship in the Academy. It features messages from the Academy's President, key deadline and dates, as well as acknowledging the amazing contributions of Fellows.

ACADEMY INSIDER

The Academy Insider provides you a quick link to Washington, DC through the lens of the Academy's policy work and what is happening at the federal level. Because the Academy is a policy organization, and we know that not all Fellows work in this space, this communication provides you a finger on the pulse of action.

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Do you like your information in condensed formats? Then access real time information by following the Academy on social media. With over 20,000 followers on both Twitter (@aan_nursing) and Facebook (americanacademyofnursing), the Academy is extending its reach here and around the globe.

NURSING OUTLOOK

Nursing Outlook is the Academy's official journal. This bi-monthly publication examines current issues and trends in nursing practice, education and research, offering progressive solutions to the challenges facing the profession. Within the pages are updates from the President of the Academy, a section titled "Academy on Policy," peer-reviewed articles by colleagues, and updates from CANS.

SIGNATURE INITIATIVES

The Academy is a policy focused organization with three signature initiatives- Leadership (Institute for Nursing Leadership [INL]), Innovation (Edge Runners), and Science (The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science [CANS]). Nursing leadership, nursing innovation, and nursing science help to change the course of policy and ultimately lead to healthier individuals, families, communities, and populations.



Launched in 2014, INL focuses on supporting and promoting the role of nurse leadership at key decision-making tables. Hosted annually, the Workshop and Luncheon brings together thought leaders within healthcare practice, policy, and research to offer strategies and advice that bring a new lens to complex challenges.



The Edge Runner initiative recognizes nurse-designed models of care and interventions that impact cost, improve healthcare quality, and enhance consumer satisfaction. Through its Edge Runner program, the Academy is mobilizing its fellows, health leaders, and partner organizations to recognize nurses who are leading the way with new ideas to transform the health system.



Founded in 2000, CANS serves as the national voice for nursing science. CANS is an open membership initiative that does not require the Fellowship designation. Consider joining CANS regardless of your research background and encourage your colleagues, students, or friends to join this critical initiative. Nursing science is the linchpin for the evidence that changes practice and policy. To drive toward better health, science is necessary to lead the way.

HOW TO ENGAGE

For the Academy to meet our vision of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge and leadership, the organization thrives due to each Fellow's generosity of time and philanthropic donations.

JOIN AN EXPERT PANEL

The organization's policy work is a dynamic and collaborative process that includes the expertise of our Fellows, the Board of Directors, and the Academy's seasoned staff. Expert Panels offer the thought leadership to advance the Academy's policy priorities, which are set by the Board of Directors. Throughout the year, the Academy works to advance the policy priorities by providing comments on proposed federal regulations, joining amicus briefs or sending statements to Congress to name a few. This work would not be possible without the expertise of Academy Fellows who serve on the Expert Panels.

CONSIDER A GIFT

The Academy is dedicated to promoting and disseminating the work of nurse leaders to shape health policy. Your gift ensures that the collective voice of the Academy is represented during key policy conversations and helps to advance our mission. Any size donation is a tremendous benefit and demonstrates your commitment as a Fellow to a culture of philanthropy. Donations go directly to the Academy's policy work or to support other key initiatives and programs such as Edge Runners, CANS, and the NAM Distinguished Nurse Scholar in Residence.

SPONSOR A NEW FELLOW

Give back to the Academy by helping to identify transformative leaders within the profession to apply for Fellowship. As a new Fellow, you can sponsor up to two candidates each year. The application process opens in January and runs through mid-February. The Academy is striving to recognize nurses whose impact has improved health locally and globally. Fellowship is not about a title; Fellowship in the Academy is about impact.

CONSIDER THE NAM DISTINGUISHED NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

The NAM Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence, supported by the Academy, the American Nurses Association (ANA), and the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), provides a year-long leadership opportunity in health policy at the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). It is designed as an immersion experience to facilitate engagement in a prominent role in health policy development at the national level.