Regina Cunningham, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, has been appointed CEO of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) in Philadelphia, the flagship hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. She becomes the first nurse to lead HUP since its establishment in 1874.

Dr. Cunningham leaves her current position as chief nursing executive of University of Pennsylvania Health System to assume the new role. She is also the principal investigator of an NIH-funded multi-site study aimed at developing knowledge and skills to support implementation of clinical trials.

Dr. Cunningham was inducted into the Academy in 2014.