

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR

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Experience and Activities

AACN Commitment and Involvement, 2022-present

Includes ways in which the candidate integrated the mission and work of AACN into their current role and practice. Local and national volunteer activities are listed, if applicable.

- Member, Lake Erie Chapter, 2005-present
- Co-author, “Postoperative Dysrhythmias,” chapter in “Cardiac Surgery Essentials for Critical Care Nursing,” 4th ed., Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2025
- Member, AACN – AACN Certification Corporation Nominating Committee, 2024
- Speaker, National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition, 2024, 2022
- Unit lead and champion, Beacon application, 2023
- Member, API Program Planning Committee, 2022

Key Professional Activities outside AACN, 2022-present

Includes involvement with other professional organizations, teaching and/or speaking engagements

- Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, 2023-present
- Cleveland Clinic
 - Co-director, ICU Interdisciplinary Critical Care Committee, 2023-present
 - Facilitator, Magnus Program (Clinical Nurse Empowerment Program), 2022-present
 - Nurse Essentials podcast, “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Nursing,” 2024
- Primary investigator, “Perioperative Risk Factors Associated With Pressure Injury Development After Cardiac Surgery: A Retrospective Review,” completed, spring 2024

Issues Statement

Fostering a sense of belonging within our profession is key to nurse well-being and retention, diversifying the workforce and promoting optimal health for all. AACN has been relentless in efforts to promote healthy work environments where every nurse can thrive. However, opportunities for improvement persist, particularly amongst new nurses and under-represented groups in our profession. It is crucial that efforts are made to ensure that each nurse feels valued, included, heard and respected.

Fostering a sense of belonging means being intentional about building supportive, caring and inclusive workplaces. It means having zero-tolerance for acts of incivility, bullying, micro/macroaggression and other harmful, hurtful behaviors. It means creating psychologically safe environments where nurses feel comfortable sharing thoughts, concerns, ideas, and being their “authentic selves,” without fear of retribution or judgement. It is an environment in which nurses trust that leaders will recognize contributions, acknowledge strengths, and provide equal opportunities for growth.

When nurses feel they belong, they are more likely to be engaged, motivated and committed to their work. They demonstrate enhanced job satisfaction and reduced burnout, which fosters teamwork, collaboration and high-quality patient care. Nurses flourish when they feel connected to fellow co-workers, patients and the nursing community. Belonging is guided by love, a sense of community, trusting relationships and compassion. It is crucial to sustaining healthy work environments and building the “Beloved Community” in nursing that we strive to be.