

## NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

The National League for Nursing Certification Commission oversees and supervises the NLN Academic Nurse Educator Certification Programs. The commission serves as an independent and autonomous body within the NLN. Among other authorities, the commission is solely responsible for all Certification Program policies and decisions related to: certification and recertification eligibility standards; examinations and other assessment instruments; budget development, consistent with NLN policies; program planning; document and information retention; fees; selection and supervision of qualified personnel; and, program resource allocation. All policies and procedures for the Certification Program shall be determined by the Certification Commission and reported to the NLN Board of Governors.

### COMMISSIONER (2009-2011) – VOTE FOR 1

**NOTE: INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS ONLY.**

***Patricia Allen, EdD, RN, CNE, ANEF*** – *Professor and Director, Center for Innovation in Nursing Education, School of Nursing, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX*



**PAST POSITIONS:** Associate dean, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; associate professor, site coordinator, RN/BSN Program, Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing; clinical associate professor, assistant director, ABSN Program, part-time faculty MSN Nursing Education, Duke University School of Nursing.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** Ambassador, NLN.

**EDUCATION:** EdD, Florida International University, Miami, FL; MSN, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; BSN, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** American Nurses Association; Texas Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International.

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***Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, CNE*** – *Professor and Director, PhD Program, College of Nursing, Villanova University, Villanova, PA*



**PAST POSITIONS:** Assistant professor, associate professor, Villanova University, College of Nursing.

**NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES:** Member, Interim Certification Commission, member, Certification Committee, member, Finance Committee, member, Task Group on Recruitment and Retention of Nursing Faculty, NLN; member, Nominating Committee, Southeastern Philadelphia League for Nursing.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation; member, Leadership Succession Committee, treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau International; member, Editorial Board, Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care; member, Investment Committee,

Philadelphia State Nurses Association; member, Advisory Committee, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**EDUCATION:** PhD, MA, New York University, New York, NY; BSN, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** American Academy of Nursing; American Nurses Association; Philadelphia State Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International.