

Position Statement

NLN'S ROLE IN CONTINUING EDUCATION IN NURSING EDUCATION

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The Mission of the National League for Nursing is to *advance quality nursing education that prepares the nursing workforce to meet the needs of diverse populations in an ever-changing health care environment*. This commitment is evident in the goals the NLN has established related to faculty development and lifelong learning.

Quality continuing education, therefore, is a direct outgrowth of the Mission and long-range goals of the NLN. It is defined as a personal educational experience, planned for individual growth and the ongoing development of knowledge and skills beyond basic preparation for a profession or occupation. Its objective is the continuous improvement of the individual's nursing practice (in whatever role that may be), professional development, and career growth. The National League for Nursing recognizes the positive relationship between the continuing education of health care providers and the delivery of quality care for patients/clients, as well as the relationship between the ongoing development of nurse educators and the delivery of quality nursing education.

The National League for Nursing supports quality in continuing education and follows the principles of good practice in continuing education as outlined by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).¹ The NLN is committed to maintaining its status as an IACET *Approved Provider*.

In keeping with its Mission and goals, the NLN sets forth the following objectives related to its involvement in continuing education. These objectives serve as guides in the development, implementation, and evaluation of continuing education programs offered by the NLN itself or approved by the NLN for CEUs.

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- Be a standard bearer of excellence for continuing education programs for the nursing workforce
- Offer a diversified program of continuing education for nurse educators
- Collaborate with our Constituent Leagues in the development and implementation of quality continuing education programs that meet the needs of nurses and nurse educators in their region
- Partner with other professional groups for the continuing education of nurses and nurse educators
- Approve continuing education programs that are of high quality and designed to prepare the nursing workforce for continued competency in ever-changing health care and academic environments
- Serve as the primary continuing education provider for faculty development programs that are offered to faculty in schools of nursing

1. International Association for Continuing Education and Training. (1998). ***Criteria and guidelines for quality continuing education and training programs: The CEU and other measurement units.*** Washington, DC: Author.

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