

CANDIDATE PROFILE

PERSONAL STATEMENT: I am honored to be nominated for Governor-at-Large and committed to advancing the NLN's mission to promote excellence in nursing education. My career reflects a sustained and passionate dedication to preparing the next generation of nurses through innovative, evidence-based teaching and leadership. As Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Florida State University and through prior leadership roles across multiple institutions, I have led curriculum transformation, developed NCLEX and faculty development initiatives, and secured funding to strengthen the educator workforce and student outcomes.

My scholarship, including publications in *Nursing Education Perspectives*, and national service through the NLN, Sigma, and other organizations, reflect my commitment to advancing inclusive, high-quality education. I bring experience in governance, accreditation, and strategic planning, along with a collaborative leadership style. I am passionate about supporting faculty, fostering innovation, and ensuring excellence in nursing education. I would be honored to serve on the NLN Board of Governors.

PAST POSITIONS: My professional experience includes academic leadership roles across institutions, currently serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Florida State University, where I oversee academic programs, curriculum, and student success initiatives. Previously, I held Associate Dean and Assistant Dean roles at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Seattle University. I have led large-scale curriculum redesign, implemented NCLEX and faculty development initiatives, and guided programs through successful accreditation processes. My leadership includes serving as Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Evaluation Committee, leading curriculum architecture and sequencing initiatives, and developing new academic programs and faculty support structures. Nationally, I served on the Sigma Theta Tau International Governance Committee, contributing to revision of organizational bylaws, and have held chapter leadership roles including president and vice president. These combined leadership and governance experiences prepare me to contribute to the NLN Board of Governors in advancing strategic priorities and supporting excellence in nursing education.

NLN/LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: I have been actively engaged with the National League for Nursing for over a decade through sustained service, scholarship, and leadership that reflect my commitment to advancing nursing education. I currently serve on the *Nursing Education Perspectives* Editorial Board and have contributed as a co-editor for special issues focused on equity, inclusion, and workplace environments in nursing. As host of the NLN *Nursing Edge* Scholarship podcast series since 2021, I have led numerous national conversations with thought leaders, disseminating evidence-based practices and innovations to nurse educators. My engagement with NLN also includes prior service on the Membership Committee and ongoing contributions as a manuscript and abstract reviewer. As a Certified Nurse Educator and Fellow in the Academy of Nursing Education, I am committed to supporting faculty development and excellence in teaching. These experiences reflect



sustained and meaningful engagement with NLN's mission and prepare me to contribute at the governance level.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: I have experience in program development that supports my ability to contribute effectively at the governance level. A focus of my work was the development of innovative educational programs, including Teen Take Heart (www.teentakeheart.org), a community-engaged initiative designed to promote cardiovascular health and inspire future healthcare professionals. I am also a director on a HRSA-funded Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), integrating geriatric concepts across the nursing curriculum and supporting the development of a post-undergraduate certificate in geriatric care concepts. I led initiatives in curriculum transformation, faculty development, and student success within complex academic environments. This included the creation and implementation of a six-month Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) workshop, which resulted in nine faculty achieving CNE certification. My work included designing NCLEX preparation programs, creating faculty development resources, and implementing evidence-based teaching strategies to improve outcomes. I also mentored faculty and students, fostering leadership development, scholarship, and professional growth.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS:

PhD, Nursing Science – University of Washington (Proteomic Profiling of the Lung)
MN, Nursing – University of Washington
BSN – University of Washington
ADN – Shoreline Community College
EMT Certification – John A. Logan Community College
Certified Nurse Educator (CNE), National League for Nursing
Fellow, Academy of Nursing Education (ANEF), National League for Nursing

Professional Training:

Nurse Educator Specialist Training (NEST), University of Washington
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar (2013-2016)
Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy Fellow, Sigma Theta Tau International
Emerging Educational Administrator Institute Scholar, Sigma Theta Tau International
Academic Service-Learning Faculty Fellowship, Seattle University
Strategic Communications Training Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Registered Nurse (RN), Florida – Multistate License

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (Active):

National League for Nursing (NLN)
Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
American Nurses Association (ANA)