NC Future of Nursing Action Coalition

Mission of Coalition:

Transforming Nursing for North Carolina’s Health

BSN and Higher Degree Priority for Action:
Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate or higher degree to 80% by 2020

Goal Statement:
North Carolina is committed to increasing the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate or higher degree to 80% by 2020 to:

(1) Improve health outcomes for North Carolinians through a higher educated nursing workforce;
(2) Expand consumer access to primary care through an increased number of advanced practice nurses; and
(3) Increase the critical pipeline of faculty to prepare an adequate nursing workforce for the future.

Major Strategies to Achieve Goal:

• Implement Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) statewide by 2016
• Promote educational advancement
• Create a seamless educational progression system from LPN/ADN to DNP/PhD
• Cultivate and promote nurse faculty role

Champions: Foundation for Nursing Excellence (FFNE) and NC Area Health Education Centers Program (NC AHEC)

As a Coalition, we value:

- the health of North Carolinians
- the contributions of every nurse and healthcare provider
- nurses as partners with consumers and other members of the health care team
- the work of nursing that improves the health and health care of North Carolinians