IONL Position Statement
BSN in 10

Background:

The Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) provides direction for achievement of excellence in nursing leadership. It promotes professional development, networking, research and innovation for the advancement of nursing leadership and management practice. IONL encourages development of care delivery systems that are visionary. The IONL develops strategic initiatives and partnerships to further the interests of our members.

Our mission is dedicated to the advancement of excellence in nursing leadership. Our vision is to be the preferred professional organization for nurses seeking development through mentoring, education, professional development and networking.

Much like our parent organization, the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), we thoughtfully decide which particular issues the Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) must take a position. Nursing’s work of the future will be complex and challenging, and it will require a nurse with far different skills than we expect today.

Position Statement:

Given these beliefs, IONL believes that:

1. The educational preparation of the nurse of the future should be at the baccalaureate level. This educational preparation will prepare the nurse of the future to function as an equal partner, collaborator and manager of the complex patient care journey that is envisioned by IONL.

2. The individual nurse has a personal accountability to advance their educational level as recommended by the Institute of Medicine.

3. Given that the role in the future will be different, it is assumed that the baccalaureate curriculum will be re-framed.

4. Multiple perspectives and levels of expertise will be needed to frame the next steps in realizing this future. It will require the collaboration and partnership of practice, education and research to identify the strategies that will move us from where we are today to a different future for both practice and education. We stand at the opportune crossroads of creative design. We invite our colleagues from education, practice, and research to join us at a table to create a new path. This work cannot be done by any single entity alone.

5. Attainment of a “BSN in 10” vision would be through an attrition type model, utilizing a non-legislative approach to reach this goal.

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References


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