

## **NOA Member Organization**

American Association for Men in Nursing

### **Current President:**

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**Mission:** The mission of AAMN is to shape the practice, education, research, and leadership for men in nursing and advance men's health. We accomplish this mission through our values of Stewardship, Integrity, Inclusion, Empowerment, Excellence, and Innovation. The mission and values strongly align with the NOA's purpose of providing a forum for identification, education and collaboration building around issues of common interest to advance the nursing profession. We strive, through collaborative efforts, to move the nursing profession forward by enhancing DEI within the profession.

**Purpose:** To be the association of choice representing men in nursing. The purpose of AAMN is to provide a framework for nurses, as a group, to meet, to discuss and influence factors, which affect men as nurses.

### **Objectives:**

- **Encourage men of all ages** to become nurses and join together with all nurses in strengthening and humanizing health care.
- **Support men who are nurses** to grow professionally and demonstrate to each other and to society the increasing contributions being made by men within the nursing profession.
- **Advocate for continued research, education, and dissemination** of information about men's health issues, men in nursing, and nursing knowledge at the local and national levels.
- **Support members' full participation** in the nursing profession and its organizations and use this Association for the limited objectives stated above.

**Address current and emerging nursing issues:** DEI initiatives have been at the forefront of nursing practice and education. There has been concerted effort to increase the diversity within the nursing profession. AAMN has taken a lead by creating programs such as the FutuRN project, where current nurses and nursing

students go into high schools and middle schools to talk about nursing as a career choice for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. We have several prominent members who have published and presented nationally and internationally on topics related to DEI. We have also created programs such as the best schools/ workplaces for men in nursing award, which organizations highlight when discussing DEI initiatives for accreditation purposes. Finally, we have been active members in several national initiatives, such as the Nurses on Boards Coalition, where we strive to increase the number and diversity of nurses serving on boards, as well as the ANA's commission to end systemic racism in nursing.