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Biography**

Barbara Nichols is President of Barbara Nichols Consulting providing expert consultation on global nursing execution, practice and leadership. Prior to this position she served for 12 years as Chief Executive Officer of CGFNS International – an immigration neutral organization whose expertise regarding the education, registration and practice of foreign educated nurses and other health professionals is recognized worldwide. Ms. Nichols has held a state cabinet position dealing with statutory regulation of 59 occupations and is a former President of the American Nurses Association. She is the recipient of 5 honorary doctoral degrees and of numerous awards for her leadership and sustained contributions to the nursing profession. She holds a diploma in nursing from Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, Boston, Mass; a baccalaureate in nursing from Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, and a Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.