### Mission
Promote excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the health of our nation and the global community.

### Core Values
Caring, Integrity, Diversity, Excellence

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| **All NLN Centers**                                                                               | Recommendation 6: Ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

As the voice for nursing education nationally and internationally, the NLN is a strong advocate for evidence-based teaching. The League believes in the importance of positioning nurse educator preparation, specifically on the doctoral level, at the forefront of educational reform as a vital way to advance the nation’s health. The report called for more doctorally prepared nurse educators to advance the science of nursing education and design educational systems that implement efficient and cost-effective programs of learning. Yet research has shown both research and practice doctorates in nursing do not adequately address this call.

The NLN has long advocated for advancing the science of nursing education. This strategic goal does not aim to replace clinical research. It is not either/or. We believe that both approaches must be strongly advocated for if we are to develop a workforce capable of meeting emerging health care challenges.

The League fully supports the movement to build learning environments that foster collaborative practice. We also believe that there is a need to build more collaborative interprofessional practice. Again, not an either/or but a way forward to embrace all workers who engage in nursing, i.e., direct care workers, LPN/LVNs, orderlies, and individuals from other disciplines. The key question is: What do patients need in a community-focused health care system? To answer that question, at times even leaders must be followers to deliver patient-centered care outcomes, with the patient as a full partner on the team.

The NLN message is about embracing diversity and inclusion – advocating for both educational and clinical research, inter- and intra-professional education, and educational and clinical excellence for doctoral graduates. We must build the educational enterprise to staff the health care system with collaborative models that advance the health of the nation.