

School of Nursing Commitment



Dear

Climate change is gaining attention as a health threat, making it an important aspect of nursing care – yet inclusion of curricular content addressing climate and health is not yet the norm in nursing programs. The Nurses Climate Challenge is one solution for providing education on this critically important topic to nursing students. That’s why the Nurses Climate Challenge team is excited to invite you to participate in a group of early adopters for a new partnership model between our initiative and select nursing schools across the country.

As you may already know, the [Nurses Climate Challenge](#) is a national campaign led by [Health Care Without Harm](#) and the [Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments](#). The initiative’s goal is to engage nursing students, nurses, and nursing educators in educating 50,000 health professionals and students about the health impacts of climate change.

In November, the Nurses Climate Challenge held two focus groups with content experts from nursing schools across the country to seek feedback on a commitment proposal to incorporate the Nurses Climate Challenge content into nursing schools. Collectively, we created the Nurses Climate Challenge: School of Nursing Commitment to guide nursing faculty in implementing Challenge content. This Commitment (see pages 2-3) outlines the benefits of the partnership, expectations of both parties, and an anticipated timeline.

We believe a partnership between _____ and the Nurses Climate Challenge can help achieve the overarching goal of preparing all nurses to better care for patients and communities in a world with a changing climate.

We value your commitment to nursing and look forward to you being a part of this partnership.

Sincerely,
The Nurses Climate Challenge team

Nurses Climate Challenge: School of Nursing Commitment

Description of the partnership: Nurses must be prepared to care for patients in the context of climate change and be knowledgeable about actions to mitigate further climate impacts. The Nurses Climate Challenge is a national campaign led by Health Care Without Harm and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments which provides resources to nurses to meet the goal of educating 50,000 health professionals about the health impacts of climate change by 2022. The School of Nursing Commitment is an opportunity to include nursing students at all levels to participate in this movement.

Nurses Climate Challenge resources include:

- 10-minute and 30-minute PowerPoint presentations with detailed talking points, resources, and references on the health impacts of climate change.
- Messaging guide with strategies for leading difficult conversations around climate change.
- Multiple action-oriented resources to help educate, implement, and advocate for climate-smart health care within the health care setting, at home, and within our communities.
- CHANT (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument evaluating nurses' and nursing students' awareness, experience, motivation, and behaviors related to climate change and health.

Commitment details:

The School of Nursing agrees to all of the following:

- Promote the Nurses Climate Challenge and CHANT to undergraduate and/or graduate nursing students and faculty using communication strategies such as email, websites, and social media
- Use at least one component of Nurses Climate Challenge content in a course, guest lecture, or presentation (for example 10-minute PowerPoint or climate action resources). Visit the [resource page](#) on the Nurses Climate Challenge website for additional examples). This does not need to be officially adopted into the curriculum or syllabus.
- Report the number of students educated with Nurses Climate Challenge content using our [online activity tracker](#) after each education session

(Faculty must register for a free account on the Nurses Climate Challenge website for access to resources and the activity tracker. Registration takes a few minutes and accounts are approved within 48 business hours).

The Nurses Climate Challenge agrees to all of the following:

- Display the college of nursing name publicly on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Identify the college as a participating school and highlight individual faculty efforts on climate and health education on social media.
- Publicize select school of nursing faculty and student research on climate and health on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Provide quarterly reports on how many students have been educated and registered as nurse climate champions.

Anticipated partner benefits:

- Standardized, current, open-access, evidence-based, expertly-crafted, ready-made nursing content around climate and health.
- Access to CHANT (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument.
- Opportunity for scholars to test specific participant groups using CHANT based on an episode code.
- Providing students with long-awaited education around climate change and what it means for their future patients.
- Recognition of your institution as a national leader in climate change education.
- Having your accomplishments and efforts shared on our website and social media.

Timeline:

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| February 2020 | Faculty initiate promotion planning for implementation of Nurses Climate Challenge content in schools of nursing. |
| May - June 2020 | Promote Nurses Climate Challenge and develop a plan to implement education or other Nurses Climate Challenge components in at least one course or presentation in the summer or fall semester. |
| July - Dec 2020 | School of nursing considers integrating Nurses Climate Challenge into curricula or programming to address AACN Essentials for summer or fall semester and tracks session on the Nurses Climate Challenge website. |
| January 2021 | Nurses Climate Challenge sends out follow up survey for feedback from faculty. |