

POPULATION HEALTH IN NURSING

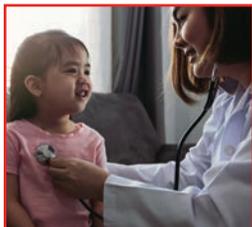
A three-year research initiative by the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action*, an initiative of AARP Foundation, AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The Population Health in Nursing project was informed by...

- Survey of **66 leaders** in nursing, medicine and public health (2018)
- In-depth interviews with **44 experts** in nursing and population health (2018-2019)
- **10 visits** to nursing schools and population health sites (2018-2019)
- Summit of **17 health leaders** at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2019)
- Ongoing discussion of findings' **meaning for COVID-19** (2020)

Population Health Themes

ASSESSMENT



As a profession, nurses should lead a new movement for the accurate assessment of unmet social needs as they relate to health. Creativity will be required to realize this vision across all settings and levels of practice.

DATA



All nurses should receive sufficient training in the kind of quantitative reasoning required to collect and use data to serve populations, as well as individual patients.

PARTNERSHIPS



All schools of nursing should participate in population health partnerships that are highly integrated into their curricula and give students opportunities to develop relevant real-world skills.

LEADERSHIP



Nursing organizations should work with other leaders in population health to create a new kind of national forum that would enable nurses to test new models and share best practices.

ACTION



Nurses should explore new models for collective action and work for constant improvement in the health care system's capacity to assess and respond to social factors.

Application of Themes to COVID-19



Nurses are bearing the brunt of COVID-19 care, including efforts to assess how social factors impact care. They must be supported in these efforts by their professional societies, employers, and policymakers.



Good population health practice requires good data. Nurses should be trained to collect and understand the data necessary to fight the pandemic, but also have access to the data they need to provide care.



Universities can serve as important guides in the response to the pandemic, providing much-needed leadership. Nursing schools should seek new ways to join in these efforts.



Institutional efforts to fight the pandemic face many challenges in credibility; nurses should use their trusted status to connect what they are seeing in the clinic with broader community efforts to fight the pandemic.



The COVID-19 pandemic is a once-in-a-generation crisis for our society. Nurses must respond by asserting their collective power and demanding policy changes for the greater good.

To learn more about population health in nursing, visit www.campaignforaction.org/population-health-in-nursing