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Nurse Educator Core Competency

Competencies for the Academic Nurse Educator [↗](#)

These competencies promote excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator. They establish nursing education as a specialty area of practice and create a means for faculty to more fully demonstrate the richness and complexity of the faculty role.

NLN Core Competencies

*Note: The task statements that accompany each competency can be found in *The Scope of Practice for Academic Nurse Educators* [↗](#) (2012).*

Competency I: Facilitate Learning

Nurse educators are responsible for creating an environment in classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings that facilitates student learning and the achievement of desired cognitive, affective, and psychomotor outcomes.

Competency II: Facilitate Learner Development and Socialization

Nurse educators recognize their responsibility for helping students develop as nurses and integrate the values and behaviors expected of those who fulfill that role.

Competency III: Use Assessment and Evaluation Strategies

Nurse educators use a variety of strategies to assess and evaluate student learning in classroom, laboratory and clinical settings, as well as in all domains of learning.

Competency IV: Participate in Curriculum Design and Evaluation of Program Outcomes

Nurse educators are responsible for formulating program outcomes and designing curricula that reflect contemporary health care trends and prepare graduates to function effectively in the health care environment.

Competency V: Function as a Change Agent and Leader

Nurse educators function as change agents and leaders to create a preferred future for nursing education and nursing practice.

Competency VI: Pursue Continuous Quality Improvements in the Nurse Educator Role

Nurse educators recognize that their role is multidimensional and that an ongoing commitment to develop and maintain competence in the role is essential.

Competency VII: Engage in Scholarship

Nurse educators acknowledge that scholarship is an integral component of the faculty role, and that teaching itself is a scholarly activity.

Competency VIII: Function Within the Educational Environment

Nurse educators are knowledgeable about the educational environment within which they practice and recognize how political, institutional, social, and economic forces impact their role.

[Certification for Nurse Educators \(CNE\)](#)

