

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING PRACTICE

SUBMITTED BY: The North Carolina Association of Nursing Students

WHEREAS, many practicing nurses are unable to identify, access, retrieve, evaluate or incorporate research into evidence-based practice; and

WHEREAS, a multitude of perceived barriers exist to the use of evidence-based practice including but not limited to: a lack of time to conduct research, limited access to or availability of research materials, and difficulty understanding research articles; and

WHEREAS, nurses need to incorporate good evidence into practice to optimize patient outcomes and narrow the gap between research and practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) encourage its constituents to support evidence-based nursing practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA publish articles in *Imprint* and host focus sessions at the MidYear and Annual Conventions on this topic, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to become involved in efforts to promote evidence-based nursing practice through volunteer activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, and any others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.