

**TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF INCLUDING GLOBAL HEALTH IN THE NURSING CURRICULUM**

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WHEREAS, the 2005 National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) House of Delegates supported increased NSNA involvement in global health issues; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for nurse and nursing student knowledge about global health; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of deans and directors of schools of nursing indicate that global health content is defined within their curricula; and

WHEREAS, an increasingly interconnected world with frequent immigration between nations and globalization is resulting in increasing transmission of infectious diseases, creating a need for holistic and culturally competent nursing care to diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide nursing shortage has resulted in a global exchange in nursing; and

WHEREAS, leaders in international and global health matters are currently promoting increased awareness about global health realities; and

WHEREAS, technology can be effective in increasing nurses' and nursing students' global health awareness; and

WHEREAS, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission's *Standards and Criteria for Baccalaureate Nursing* states curriculum should include cultural, ethnic, and socially diverse concepts and include experiences from regional, national, or global perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's *Nine Baccalaureate Essentials* have defined clinical prevention and population health as health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and population level; and

WHEREAS, nurses comprise the largest group of healthcare professionals worldwide; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to support nursing schools incorporating global health into curricula for nursing students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to promote the importance of global health awareness and education through articles in *Imprint* and focus sessions at the MidYear and Annual Conventions, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the International Council of Nurses, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, the United Nations, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the World Health Organization, and any others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.