

Nursing Network Mission Statement

We, the European University Hospital Alliance (EUHA), consider nursing practice an integral part of health care systems. At university hospitals, nursing encompasses caring for the physically and mentally ill and focuses on patient advocacy and disease prevention by promoting people's health and a safe environment. Moreover, nursing professionals have a key role in research and education and in shaping health policy and systems.*

EUHA's overall aim is to make nursing an attractive, independent profession and academic discipline with a sustainable workforce prepared for current and future challenges in healthcare, as well as to drive innovation and promote the voice of nursing in European policy-making.

To realize this aim, common challenges across Europe need to be addressed. We, therefore, have defined strategic goals for nursing in university hospitals within five action areas:

Professional Identity

- To strengthen the identity and visibility of the nursing profession by reaching a common understanding of nurses' responsibilities and skills and facilitating the support of core professional values through professional exchanges.
- To reach a common understanding of the principles of optimal professional leadership for the nursing profession.
- To develop shared governance models that promote nurse participation in decision-making processes.

Patient Outcomes

- To promote state-of-the-art, high value nursing care that achieves the best possible patient and organizational outcomes in tangible and intangible ways.
- To develop and implement advanced evidence-based, care-sensitive indicators, including artificial intelligence, to transparently improve patient outcomes.

*Based on the definition of nursing as defined by the International Council of Nurses, [Nursing Definitions](#) | ICN - International Council of Nurses



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Healthy Working Environment

- To promote professional work environments that enable nurses to fulfill all nursing roles with a high level of competency and support interprofessional collaboration.
- To prioritize nurses' well-being and resilience by developing and implementing safe staffing models specific to the care provided in university hospitals.
- To promote the development, innovation, and digital transformation of processes in nursing practice at university hospitals.

Professional Education and Training

- To promote all levels of nursing education (vocational, bachelor's, master's, and PhD) by integrating the latest science-based practices and digital skills into curricula.
- To promote continuous education and training as a key element of the nursing career, as well as develop new programs that address scientific progress and innovation in medicine and healthcare.

Nursing Research

- To advocate for a comprehensive understanding of the need for academization of the nursing profession at the European level.
- To promote the development of combined research and clinical career pathways for nurses at university hospitals.
- To support the development of evidence-based nursing practices through joint research projects and the formulation of common guidelines at the EUHA level.

