

A Declaration to Transform Nursing Education

When in the course of human events, it becomes apparent that nursing education is in need of a radical transformation to promote the learning of our students and to be adequately prepared for clinical practice, I commit to use all of the resources available to me and to influence those around me to be a part of this needed change.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all nursing students are created equal, and deserve to be prepared for real world practice by the time they leave our nursing program. In order to accomplish this essential objective, I commit to implementing the following best practice standards founded in educational research and professional practice:

- 1. I will emphasize and encourage the “art” of nursing that is defined as caring, empathy, and nurse engagement.*
- 2. I will decrease classroom content and will contextualize nursing concepts that are most relevant to my topic.*
- 3. I will use active learning strategies consistently in my classroom including the use of clinical reasoning case studies so students can practice critical/clinical thinking in my classroom.*
- 4. I will embrace clinical reasoning as a pedagogy that promotes nurse thinking and will situate this in my classroom and clinical settings.*
- 5. I will allow nursing priorities to be situated in new ways in addition to NANDA nursing diagnostic statements.*
- 6. I will treat my colleagues as I would want to be treated, and commit myself to direct, respectful communication and behavior at all times.*
- 7. I will work to remove barriers that influence the success of ethnic minorities and men in our program.*

I embrace the responsibility of preparing the next generation of nurses for professional practice and will hold myself to the highest standards to promote their learning, which will then lead to better outcomes for the patient's they care for.

Signed _____ Date _____