

# The Tri-Council for Nursing

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***Announcement from the Tri-Council for Nursing:***  
**American Association of Colleges of Nursing,**  
**American Nurses Association, American**  
**Organization of Nurse Executives and National**  
**League for Nursing**

## **Academic Progression in Nursing National Program Office Closing**

The Tri-Council for Nursing's Academic Progression in Nursing (APIN) announced its National Program Office closes on June 30, 2017. The office opened in 2012 to administer the five-year [APIN grant initiative](#) funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to advance state and regional strategies to create a more highly educated, diverse nursing workforce.

The APIN initiative focused on the Institute of Medicine's recommendation that 80 percent of the nursing workforce have a bachelor's degree by 2020. APIN funded efforts on two fronts: initiatives that remove obstacles keeping nursing students from getting their Bachelor of Science in Nursing—e.g. universities that partner with community colleges to allow the transfer of class credits—and employment: partnerships between schools and health facilities providing students practice experience and employment opportunities.

While the APIN national program office closed, the national academic progression work will continue through a new initiative called the National Education Progression in Nursing Collaborative. The collaborative is the result of meetings between the Tri-Council and interested parties including: the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, (OADN) HealthImpact, the Washington Center for Nursing, Western Governors University College of Health Professions, the University of Phoenix, University of Kansas School of Nursing, the Center to Champion Nursing in America, and the University of California at San Francisco Lee Center for Health Policy Studies. The OADN Foundation, in partnership with the National Forum for Nursing Workforce Centers, will serve as the fiduciary and convener for the Collaborative. Contact Donna Meyer, OADN chief executive officer, at [donna.meyer@oadn.org](mailto:donna.meyer@oadn.org) for additional information.

Key Outcomes of APIN include:

- Number of nurses with a BSN degree increased by 400,000
- Percentage of the nursing workforce with a BSN or higher degree increased from 49% to 53.2%
- Number of new first-time NCLEX test takers with associate degrees and diploma degrees declined since 2014
- Growth in the RN-to-BSN graduates has more than doubled

Learn more about APIN and the outcomes of the grant at [www.academicprogression.org](http://www.academicprogression.org).