

**Atlantic Region
Canadian Association for Schools of Nursing**

Strategic Plan

2010-2012

VISION

Bringing together Atlantic Schools of Nursing for the advancement of education and research/scholarship for faculty and students

MISSION

- To provide an organizational body to promote the advancement of nursing education and research/scholarship in Atlantic Canadian schools of nursing
- To cooperate with other regions in meeting the objectives of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN/ACESI)

*Faculty includes all designations teaching nursing within a School of Nursing program

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Increase ARCASN's profile in the nursing, healthcare, education and policy communities.
2. Provide a forum for the examination of issues related to nursing education, research/scholarship and practice in Canada
3. Monitor trends and disseminate information about issues of regional relevance to nursing education
4. Encourage and support the development of scholarly activities by faculty and others in the area of education and practice within the Atlantic Region.
5. Provide leadership in setting and maintaining standards for nursing education in the Atlantic region
6. Represent the position and priorities of ARCASN to CASN and other stakeholder groups
7. Influence public policy relevant to nursing education, research/scholarship and practice.
8. Support the need for bilingual communication within the association

Strategic Direction 1

Increase ARCASN's profile in the nursing, healthcare, education and policy communities

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Encourage ARCASN members to participate in CASN Task Forces.	ARCASN Executive	Ongoing
2. Establish connections with Canadian Nursing Student Association for a representative to attend the ARCASN Annual General Meeting annually as an observer.	AGM Host Site	January of each year
3. Develop and maintain an ARCASN website.	President elect	Ongoing
4. Submit articles/issues to be posted on the web site (to President elect)	Members	Ongoing
5. Maintain the circulation of the newsletter to members via website and a hard copy	School Representatives	Annually

Strategic Direction 2

Provide a forum for the examination of issues related to nursing education, research/scholarship and practice in Canada

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Promote annual ARCASN conferences which focus on issues related to nursing education, research and practice in Canada	Executive	Ongoing
2. Encourage Executive Committee members to bring forth issues for discussion at ARCASN meetings.	Executive	Ongoing

Strategic Direction 3

Monitor trends and disseminate information about issues of relevance to nursing education

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Disseminate CASN information requiring discussion and response	President/Executive	Ongoing
2. Collaborate with other groups on issues as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.	Executive	Ongoing

Strategic Direction 4

Encourage and support the development of scholarly activities (Boyer, 1990)¹ by faculty in the area of education and practice within the Atlantic Region.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Promote membership application for educational funding available through ARCASN.	Sub Committee on Education	Annually
2. Promote membership application for research funding available through ARCASN	Sub Committee on Research	Annually
3. Provide seed funds for the annual regional conference.	Executive	Annually
4. Collaborate with pertinent associations in the hosting of national conferences	Executive	Ongoing

1. Boyer, E. (1990) Scholarship reconsidered: Priorities of the professoriate. San Francisco: Jossey Bros.

Strategic Direction 5

Provide leadership in setting and maintaining standards for nursing education in the Atlantic region

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Nominate ARCASN members to the CASN Task forces.	Membership	Ongoing
2. Encourage membership involvement as Accreditation reviewers for the Atlantic provinces	Membership	Ongoing
3. Provide feedback on CASN task forces to ARCASN.	School Reps	Ongoing

<u>Strategic Direction 6</u>		
Represent the position and priorities of ARCASN to CASN and other stakeholder groups		
<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. ARCASN presidents attends CASN and other relevant stakeholder meetings.	President	Ongoing

Strategic Direction 7

Influence public policy relevant to nursing education, research/scholarship and practice.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Consult with members to identify and prioritize issues.	Executive	Ongoing
2. Formulate initiatives, such as position papers to influence public policy	Executive	Ongoing

Strategic Direction 8

Provide bilingual communication within the association

<u>Activities</u>	<u>By Who</u>	<u>By When</u>
1. Incorporate the French language within the work of ARCASN.	Executive	Ongoing