

## Topic 1 DQ 2

Refer to the consensus report of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity*, provided in the topic Resources. Identify recommendations for nursing education you believe will be most effective or radical in creating change within the industry. Provide rationale based on your experience in practice. Do you agree or disagree with how the report describes the evolution of the advanced practice registered nurse role? Why or why not?

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity* has identified several inconsistencies that are currently in place. The article outlined several recommendations for nursing education that would help transform the nursing industry. These recommendations are based on strengthening education within the nursing workforce and promoting a different culture. The topic "Strengthening Nursing Education" depicts how the schools have failed to incorporate population health, and social determinants of health (SDOH) despite the unreadiness seen in community and telehealth settings (Wakefield, Williams, Le Menestrel, & Lalitha Flaubert, 2021). In order to adapt to the advancing healthcare setting, nursing educators must teach different learning strategies and prepare professional nurses. The article reads, "Education in the community allows nursing students to learn about the broad range of care environments and to work collaboratively, including other environments and those from nonhealthy sectors" (Wakefield, Williams, Le Menestrel, & Lalitha Flaubert, 2021). We did not participate in healthcare settings that were outside of the hospital when I was in nursing school. I feel like this limited several learning opportunities. I personally think that students should be placed in broader healthcare settings. This would give them much-needed exposure to care for all in the community. Healthcare is not only provided in a hospital setting but also in schools, prisons, and the public health sectors.

Another recommendation that would assist in the reformation of nursing is funding. Aspiring nurses are faced with financial challenges, entries, and progression to advanced degrees. If nursing education was more affordable then it could diversify the nursing workforce and offer more opportunities to those talented individuals who can contribute to healthcare. This would align with the shift towards achieving health equity.

I agree with the report on the evolution of the advanced practiced registered nurse. This resonates with the changing nature of healthcare delivery. Modern healthcare systems are becoming more complex, requiring nurses to have a stronger foundation in evidence-based practice and critical thinking. As healthcare advances the demand for APRNs will as well. The report states that APRNs are "increasingly assuming leadership roles in providing care, educating patients and other health professionals, and conducting research." (Wakefield, Williams, Le Menestrel, & Lalitha Flaubert, 2021). APRNs will have more opportunities to manage chronic diseases, providing primary care and education.