

South Carolina Informatics Nursing Network (SCINN)

Purpose: to provide an organizational framework to unite nurses in South Carolina currently working in informatics roles or other nurses interested in nursing informatics.

Mission Statement/Vision: SCINN seeks to create a forum and for nurses engaged in healthcare informatics to exchange ideas, raise the visibility of nursing informatics, provide education, leadership, and direct policy making relevant to nursing informatics in the state of South Carolina.

Organizational Objectives:

- Meet on a regular basis at various locations in South Carolina to network, exchange ideas, build consensus, and develop strategies for meeting the organizations vision.
- Improve the visibility of nursing informatics throughout the state using various educational, communication, dialog with nurse executives, or other strategies
- Mentor nurses interested in or beginning practice in nursing informatics.
- Partner or collaborate with other organizations and individuals interested in healthcare informatics at the local, state, regional, national, and international level for the benefit of nursing informatics practice in South Carolina.
- Promote research in nursing informatics and use of informatics techniques to assist practicing nurses, administrators, executives, and policy makers to help answer questions relevant to nursing and health care;
- Provide leadership in directing policy making in the state for issues related to nursing informatics or nursing care and use of technology, collection of data, dissemination of health care information related to nursing care of patients or populations, and education of nurses using information technology.
- Identify, facilitate collection and analysis, or otherwise promote the use of data collected by nurses during the course of care to identify nurses' unique role, effects on patient care outcomes, costs, and best practices.
- Identify and establish a database of nurses working in informatics roles in South Carolina and provide a means to communicate and exchange information.
- Assess the education needs of nurses related to nursing informatics activities and develop a statewide plan to provide informal and formal nursing informatics education.
- Use the American Nurses Association Scope and Standards of Nursing Informatics Practice as a guide to identify core nursing informatics competencies for nurses working in various settings and devise a plan to help nurses achieve minimum informatics competencies.
- Identify and collaborate with nursing informatics colleagues in adjacent states to network, exchange ideas, and develop a cohesive regional strategy for improving the visibility of nursing informatics and related nursing informatics objectives as described above.

Values:

- The primary focus of SCINN is the use of information and information technology in the delivery of nursing care. The core constituency and focus of the organization is nurses but we value the insight and collaboration of other professionals.
- Nursing is a professional discipline dedicated to helping all people or communities realize optimal levels of health or achieve a peaceful death at the end of life.
- Nurses are advocates for patients and the specific interest of the informatics nurse specialist is to use information technology, techniques, and patient information to optimize the delivery of nursing and health care.
- Nursing and health care is a dynamic activity undergoing constant change. The organization embraces innovation and use of technology to continuously improve health and outcomes of care for our patients.
- Nursing care is delivered regardless of cultural, ethnic, gender, race, age or any other societal barriers to the care of sick or injured persons and this care is given without regard to ability to pay for these services.
- Nursing care recognizes our distinct individuality and freedom of choice. Nurses strive to provide care to the whole individual and family across the broadest spectrum of society and health care delivery mechanisms while maintaining and protecting privacy of the individual and family.
- Nurses are vital participants in the delivery of health care.
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