



The Power of Vision: Changing the Future of Nursing

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In today's complex healthcare landscape, nurses are called not only to provide expert clinical care but also to lead change, inspire others, and build resilient teams. At the heart of these transformative efforts lies the power of vision, a clear sense of purpose and direction that unites individuals and propels the nursing profession forward.

Why Vision Matters in Nursing

Vision is more than a grand statement; it is the guiding force that shapes our daily actions, long-term goals and generates our hope for the future of health care. We each are called to cultivate individual compelling visions that enhance our ability to navigate the daily unpredictable challenges in our quest to meet patients' needs. In our daily practice, we adapt to the evolving patient needs and remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence. Vision helps us persevere through disappointments and setbacks that we have no control over. When nurses and organizations articulate a shared vision, they create a sense of belonging and motivation, fostering innovation and continuous improvement. Thus, the improvement in our patient outcomes aligns with Colorado Nurses Association's position statement on

the social determinants of health: "Politics, policies, and health outcomes are innately linked. Nurses in the United States are in a pivotal position to influence these cycles to reduce disparities and improve population health". [SDOH](#). No matter where you are in your career, no matter how old or how young you are, you can reassess your career strategies and focus on fulfilling your purpose. One may ask; how can I know what my vision is? What if I have multiple interests that seem like a far reach? How can I set the right priorities for my career? How can I make my vision a concrete reality? Those are all great questions to ponder. Your vision influences your priorities and pursuit of purpose. We all can recognize and appreciate Michelangelo more than five hundred years after he lived, due to his compelling passion for art.

Vision as a Catalyst for Growth

Throughout my career as a clinician, educator, and leader, I have witnessed the transformative impact of vision. Nurses who connect their work to a larger purpose, whether it is promoting health equity, advancing evidence-based practice, or mentoring the next generation, are more likely to experience fulfillment and resilience despite the challenges we are facing

today in our communities. Vision empowers us to see beyond obstacles, seek solutions, and inspire others to join us on the journey.

Cultivating Vision in Practice

Start by reflecting on your personal purpose statement and setting clear goals. Ask yourself what you are inspired to do? What aligns with where you are in your career? Are you in a job that is a good fit for what you are passionate about? Don't put limitations on yourself just because you don't have all the tools or connections that you need in the moment. We know that a written personal statement coupled by a vision fuels passion. Write out your personal mission statement. Ask yourself where you want to be one, five and ten years from now. The power of vision influences the creation of a framework for one's preferences and unites us as nurses in pursuit of a brighter future. By embracing and sharing a clear vision, we inspire ourselves and those around us to reach new heights, drive meaningful change, and uphold the highest standards of care. Let us continue to lead with vision and purpose together, we can shape the future of nursing in Colorado. ■



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