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Hello, I am Linda Scott, a member of the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Nursing, and Dean and Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. On behalf of the Academy, I extend appreciation to the members of the committee and staff who have organized this rich dialogue—one critical to addressing healthcare disparities, well-being, and overall health.

The American Academy of Nursing firmly believes that the development of science, education, and practice is vital to the care we want to see in the 21st century. The Academy's vision is to transform health policy and practice through nursing knowledge and leadership. Fellows within the Academy are those who have spearheaded innovative, evidence-based, and patient-centered portfolios in their careers. To that end, the future of health and healthcare relies on the continual empowerment, education, and mentorship of nurses who are destined to achieve new heights in their own careers.



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As an organization, the Academy does not weigh in on educational curriculum or standards. We defer to our sister organizations to provide this expertise. With that said, the Academy has a strong interest in one aspect of today's discussion—research. Science is foundational to shaping policy and practice. For almost two decades, the Academy has worked to achieve better health through science in our signature initiative, the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science.

On the minds of so many, and in my own experience as a dean of a research-intensive nursing school, we must address the overarching trends that make it difficult to secure, sustain, and elevate, robust research portfolios—particularly for early career scientists. To truly understand, address, and hopefully mitigate health disparities, research is critical. The Academy, and the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, respectfully request that the report address the pipeline of nurse scientists and the need for increased opportunities to conduct quality research. From the Academy's standpoint, this is vital to improving health and enacting evidence-based policy that will transform systems, programs, and payment.