



1. What makes GAHN unique from AHNA or AHNCC? How do you anticipate communicating these differences to holistic nurses?

- a. The Academy's focus is on realizing the aspirations of holistic nursing, envisioning the future of healthcare within the context of the holistic paradigm, and actualizing it through scholarly endeavors. AHNA and AHNCC focus on the day-to-day practice and implementation of holistic nursing philosophy, research and education through membership and credentialing.
- b. The unique nature of the Academy is reflected in a number of published documents and initiatives provided in the GAHN website, including the GAHN Scholars' Handbook, GAHN Resolution and associated attachments, and others.
- c. The historical background of GAHN that describes the evolution of the Academy. The evolution of GAHN began with the initiation of the Consensus Model as an outcropping of the AHNCC Consensus Model Task Force, whose members:
 - Advocated for Holistic Nursing as an Advanced Nursing Practice Role.
 - Created and disseminated Curricular Guidelines for Basic to Doctoral Holistic Nursing Education.
 - Designed and implemented a series of webinars to support HolisticNurse educators.
 - Disseminated a white paper that analyzed the impact of AACN Essentials on the discipline of nursing.
 - Participated in national and international meetings, advocating for Holistic Nursing, and highlighting the need for a strong voice for Holistic Nursing in such arenas.
 - Articulated the unique attributes of the Holistic Paradigm and its central role in the development and enactment of the art and science of Holistic Nursing.
- d. During the dissemination of materials generated by the Task Force at national and international meetings, while addressing Holistic Nursing's foundations and contributions to scholarly endeavors, colleagues advised that the recognition of Holistic Nursing's unique attributes would be enhanced by the creation of an academy that emphasizes the integration and advocacy of Holistic Nursing scholarship.
- e. Subsequent GAHN infrastructure documents are published and disseminated in the Global Academy of Holistic Nursing Scholar's Handbook on the GAHN website.

2. Why isn't the term "scholars" used in the name of the entity? Was there thought given to using the term "Scholars" in the official name?

The principle purpose of the Academy is to create an environment in which Scholars collaborate, mentor, and cultivate opportunities to advance holistic nursing scholarship – its purpose is not limited to the scholars themselves but to the roles and responsibilities of the Academy. Including the term Scholar in the title would restrict the scope of the Academy – which is not to simply serve the scholars but to elevate holistic nursing and transform health care.

3. "Social Justice" as a founding GAHN value seems somewhat distant from the expertise of holistic nursing scholars and healthcare. What other founding values/pillars were discussed in favor of the four articulated values?

Social Justice is central to holistic nursing. "It encompasses collaboration, leadership, transformation, moral advocacy, diversity, emancipatory nature, interconnectedness, and equity, which contribute to the greater good." It is one of the four principle values articulated by the Founding Members. The core values of holistic nursing, the philosophy of holism, and the scope and standards articulated by AHNA inform the principle values of the Academy. The infrastructure of the Academy is a living evolving scaffold that is open and responsive to societal and cultural needs. The graphic of the stool below illustrates how the philosophy and core values inform each organization, and in turn are supported by the mission and vision of each organization.



4. Why is GAHN needed at this time? Nursing is at the forefront of addressing a world-wide pandemic, was this given consideration in this pursuit?

The world is at an inflection point, engaged in the recognition of multiple forces from the pandemic, economy, racial and health inequities, among other social justice issues. These societal pressures call for immediate, creative, and innovative approaches to shifting our individual and collective consciousnesses to transform healthcare. The Academy, composed of experienced holistic nursing scholars and leaders, intends to weave unitary and allopathic approaches to health and well-being to transform the emerging epoch of health focused on flourishing, well-being and well-becoming.

Now is the time for GAHN, when we need to acknowledge and elevate the accomplishments of Scholars in holistic nursing nationally and internationally who have contributed to advancing the art and science of unitary-caring-healing scholarship. The Academy supports the intentional pursuit of knowledge development related to health from a global perspective. It is time for holistic nursing to not only share but advance its voice in healthcare, especially during this pandemic when so much is based on the biomedical model and there is little acknowledgement regarding the contributions nursing makes to this human health experience, and the global threat it represents to everyone's health!

The gathering and recognition of holistic nursing scholars and leaders for the stated purposes of the Academy creates a synergy of effort and intent that is undiluted. GAHN will clearly identify how we are moving a philosophy and theoretical perspective in holistic nursing into a synthesis of a new way of visioning health and the human health experience and acknowledging holistic scholars and their scholarly work. Extending scholarship to participation at national and international tables further enhances the influence of Holistic Nursing in decision making and strategic planning.

5. Why it is essential to be launched as a separate organization?

The Academy is a free-standing organization with members but is neither a membership nor a credentialing body. It is an association, a community of scholars whose focus is an agenda of scholarship and knowledge development that advances holistic nursing. We envision accomplishing this focus through alignment with the missions of AHNA, AHNCC and other national and international associations and organizations that support holistic nursing and health care transformation.

GAHN has unique relationships with AHNA and AHNCC but is clearly separate. GAHN is an organization that moves holistic nursing beyond the platform of membership and credentialing of holistic nursing. GAHN's quest is to recognize and promote holistic nursing scholars who individually and collectively advance and elevate holistic nursing, nationally and internationally, through their scholarly and leadership initiatives, including practice, academics, research, and advocacy.

6. Why is GAHN launching now?

Now is precisely the right time to launch the Academy. The implementation of GAHN is a strategic culmination of over 14 years of work, commitment, and productivity by the founding members. The members have been at the forefront of advocating for the inclusion of Holistic Nursing as a role to be recognized in the national Consensus Model for Advanced Practice Nursing over the past 14 years. This advocacy resulted in the development and publication of *Curricular Guidelines for Holistic Nursing Academic Programs* and serving as a voice for elevating Holistic Nursing at a variety of national

and international tables, among other initiatives. Thus, it represents the outcome of a methodical, mindful timeline initiated over a two-year period, after many years of envisioning the possibility.

7. Global organizations typically rely on international engagement, has there been international engagement for GAHN that has not been shared?

The initial infrastructure of the Academy creates an environment that is molded by the Scholars. Each of the founding members has international connections and has discussed ways global holistic nursing can be supported through initiatives envisioned by the Academy.

GAHN provides a venue for the international community of holistic nurses to extend and enhance their contributions to holistic nursing, specifically and purposefully. These relationships and professional linkages contribute to the sustainable foundation of the Academy on the international stage.

Our intent is to develop our global capacity in the early stages of our launch. There will be international engagement as we recognize holistic nurse scholars among our colleagues from Canada, China, Australia, England, Iceland, Denmark, New Zealand, Thailand, and Japan, among others who are committed to advancing and elevating holistic nursing globally.