We are in uncertain times with the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that you and yours are staying healthy and safe. As we watch the news, and as we care for patients directly and indirectly, we also believe that a better understanding regarding forming and fostering professional identity in nursing will help communicate more effectively how one “thinks, acts and feels like a nurse.” Be sure to check out ANA’s Issues Brief, “Nurses, Ethics, and the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Moving Forward

The Advisory Council for Professional Identity in Nursing has identified three strategic priorities:
Progress to Date and Next Steps

Priority 1: Build Leadership Structures

Progress to Date: professional identity in nursing definition; domains; domain definitions; key elements; beginning competencies; video exemplars; thirteen-person Advisory Council; bylaws development; new name—International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing (ISPIN); strategic planning = three priorities; work groups established; professional identity language emerging in seminal nursing education documents.

Next Steps: work group priorities and curation plans; work group recruitment; established meeting times; regular work group reporting to Advisory Council; planning for face-to-face or virtual Think Tank/Forum 2020.

Priority 2: Propel the Science
**Progress to Date**: co-chairs identified for the science/research work group; five research studies in progress including one state-wide demonstration project; instrument development: construct and content validity in progress; conceptual model development that began at TT2019 continuing and being prepared for publication.

**Next Steps**: activate larger work group; determine priorities; establish meeting times (video/phone) and sub-groups as needed; use literature review findings to inform priorities.

**Priority 3: Disseminate Widely**

**Progress to Date**: co-chairs identified for dissemination work group; social media consultant identified; two blogs, fifteen presentations, three publications, two publications pending, five research projects in progress; four e-news publications; plans to use the Virginia Henderson Library at Sigma Theta Tau (STTI) as the Professional Identity in Nursing repository; working with STTI re: future podcasts.

**Next Steps**: presentations, publications listings on website; increase social media presence; disseminate work to date on definitions, domains, etc.; convene larger dissemination work group; determine priorities and establish meeting times.

**Introducing Advisory Council Members**

Excellent leadership and tireless work of those interested in Professional
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For now, could you reserve **Sept 9 (all day) and Sept 10 (a.m. only)** on your calendars? Given the current COVID-19 crisis, any plans we have for our next virtual or face-to-face gathering are in limbo.

### Stay Connected

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