NONPF is the leader in education for preparing a quality NP workforce to meet evolving societal needs.

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NONPF Joins Nursing Groups in Educational Response to Combat Opioid Use Disorder

The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) is pleased to partner with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, American College of Nurse Midwives, National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, and the American Nurses Association to develop an educational series for nursing faculty, students, and clinicians. This educational series will support ongoing efforts to combat opioid use disorder and overdose across the United States.

Over the past month, 191 schools of nursing with advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) programs have pledged to educate its APRN students on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. News of this commitment from nursing is included in a related fact sheet from the White House. NONPF will work with our national nursing colleagues to help ensure this content is used to augment the information nurse practitioner (NP) and other APRN students already receive on prescribing and administering medications.

This announcement is linked to today’s “White House Champions of Change” event, which will highlight ten individuals who have made a difference in preventing prescription drug abuse, increasing access to treatment, and supporting recovery. NONPF will be participating in today’s proceedings. Dr. Deborah Trautman, President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, will share information with attendees about the nursing partnership forged to launch the free educational series.

NONPF President Anne Thomas, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP, FAANP acknowledges that the partnership among the nursing groups is important for APRN education: “Historically, NP educational curriculum has included significant content on pharmacology and prescribing practices. The increase in prescription drug and opioid abuse in this country necessitates heightened attention to pharmacology content. Through an educational series, we are able to offer our members added evidence and guidance regarding integration of the CDC guidelines into NP and other APRN curricula. Recognizing that NPs are among the lead prescribers in primary and acute care settings, NONPF will maintain educational guidelines that continue to emphasize this needed content in all NP programs.”

NONPF is the leader in quality NP education, responsible for providing timely and critical resources for NP educators and advancing innovative models that support NP educational programs to meet the highest quality standards. Through NONPF’s curriculum resources and faculty educational opportunities, we continue to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to highlighting content relative to opioids and prescribing practices.

The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership in preparing a quality nurse practitioner workforce. NONPF develops educational guidelines and program resources that provide the foundation for preparing highly qualified nurse practitioners. NONPF was established in 1980 and today represents over 1800 members. Visit us on-line at http://www.nonpf.org.