

## VALUE STATEMENT

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ICONS values interagency collaboration and coordinated research efforts to address issues related to nurses, nursing education, and the nursing workforce.

## VISION

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ICONS is the leader in advancing coordinated, focused research efforts related to nurses, nursing education, and the nursing workforce.

## GOALS

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The goals of ICONS are to:

- Enhance collaboration among member organizations/agencies regarding data, information, and research
- Influence evidence-based decision making
- Promote the use of standardized definitions and terminology in data collection and reporting
- Systematically identify needs and gaps in knowledge
- Encourage coordinated, focused, quality research efforts



Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics

[www.ICONSDATA.org](http://www.ICONSDATA.org)

## **BACKGROUND & HISTORY**

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The Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics (ICONS) is an alliance that promotes the generation and utilization of data, information, and research to facilitate and influence evidence-based decision making about nurses, nursing education, and the nursing workforce.

ICONS began in 1953 as the Interagency *Conference* on Nursing Statistics when statisticians from the American Nurses Association and the Division of Nursing Resources of the Public Health Service began discussions about data collection issues.

Members of ICONS include representatives from a variety of organizations who are responsible for the development, compilation, and analysis of data on nurses and the settings in which they practice.

ICONS changed its name to the Interagency *Collaborative* on Nursing Statistics in 2000 to reflect the alliance among the member organizations/agencies.



## **SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS**

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ICONS includes representatives from each of the following organizations/agencies:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)
- National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS): [www.cdc.gov/nchs/](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/)
- National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA):  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): [www.dhhs.gov](http://www.dhhs.gov)
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP): [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN): [www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu)
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN): [www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org)
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA): [www.aana.com](http://www.aana.com)
- American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM): [www.acnm.org](http://www.acnm.org)
- American Nurses Association (ANA): [www.ana.org](http://www.ana.org)
- American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE): [www.aone.org](http://www.aone.org)
- Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS): [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org)
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN): [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)
- National League for Nursing (NLN): [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)

For more information, please visit the ICONS Website: [www.iconsdata.org](http://www.iconsdata.org)