

**TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION IMPLEMENTED BY ALL NURSING SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS IN IOWA ON THE ISSUE OF PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES**

**SUBMITTED BY: Grand View University Nursing Student Association**

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WHEREAS, “It is always the responsibility of the health care professional to establish appropriate boundaries with present and former clients”; and

WHEREAS, “The establishment of a boundary is necessary to provide a foundation for the therapeutic relationship in which safety and trust can develop”; and

WHEREAS “Boundary violations can result when there is confusion between the needs of the nurse and those of the client”; and

WHEREAS “Under-involvement and over-involvement can be detrimental to the nurse and client’s professional relationship; and

WHEREAS, “The uncertainty about boundaries, what they are, how to create and maintain boundaries, and the inherent differences in opinion amongst the professions, expert opinion and regulators as to what constitutes a boundary crossing only adds to the confusion”; and

WHEREAS, Peterson defined that a boundary violation occurs when a nurse places his or her needs above the needs of the client, and may not initially be recognized as a violation; and

WHEREAS, “Boundary maintenance is a complicated and vexed issue with health professionals who in general have a lack of understanding about boundary theory and the dynamics involved in boundary negotiation” (Gardner, McCutcheon, & Fedoruk, 2010); and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Iowa Association of Nursing Students (IANS) support education for nurses and nursing students on the subject of professional boundaries by suggesting to Iowa Nursing Programs that they include information on professional boundaries in their curriculum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that IANS support the further education of nurses and nursing students on the subject of professional boundaries by publishing an article on the

IANS website and offering this article to the Iowa Nursing Association (INA); and be it further

RESOLVED, that IANS send a copy of this resolution to the National Student Nurses Association, Iowa Board of Nursing, INA, Iowa Hospital Association, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Nurses Association, and any other association deemed appropriate by the IANS Board of Directors.

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