

TOPIC: **INCREASING AWARENESS SURROUNDING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NURSING STUDENTS WITH MENTAL AND LEARNING DISABILITIES.**

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WHEREAS, in 2020, a study demonstrated that 47.2% of nursing students experienced a moderate level of stress while another 25% of students experienced high levels of stress due to nursing curriculum and clinical placement; and

WHEREAS, nursing education and clinical placement are high stress environments which place nursing students at an increased risk for developing or aggravating pre-existing mental illness and/or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, nursing students with diagnosed anxiety, learning disabilities, and mental illness continue to increase yet very few have information regarding nursing accommodations and other support services available to them; and

WHEREAS, many students with disabilities are more likely to drop out of their program of study due to lack of help and resources to help them be successful; and

WHEREAS, tailoring accommodations to specific needs assists individuals in overcoming challenges related to disabilities, learning differences, or other unique circumstances, promoting fairness and equity in education through the removal of barriers and the establishment of an inclusive learning environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa Association of Nursing Student (IANS) demonstrate an ongoing commitment to increase awareness among the community on the need for support services for nursing students with mental and learning disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the IANS encourage school chapters to collaborate with their nursing programs and other campus organizations, underlining the importance of promoting awareness of nursing students with learning and mental disabilities and the importance implementing support services for these students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that IANS send a copy of this resolution to American Nurses Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Iowa Nursing Association, National League for Nursing, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, American Holistic Nurses Association, National Association of Nursing Students (NSNA), United States Department of Education, and all others deemed appropriate by the IANS Board of Directors.