

COUNCIL ON TEACHING
Follow-Up Report for
Teaching in Higher Education Conference Award

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Conference Attended: 2025 Doctoral Education Conference

Date of Conference: 1/16/25-1/18/25

Award Amount: 1500

Briefly summarize how your attendance at the conference enhanced your professional development and allowed you to gain a better understanding of teaching in your discipline or trends in higher education in general.

-The conference provided an opportunity to explore national trends including meeting the new AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing) essentials, teaching strategies including using technology, and policy development and advocacy. I attended sessions on using AI, rounds with AACN leadership, ask the editor of the journal, coaching students, advocacy through politics, and using the enduring power of relationships.

How have you been able to share what you learned about teaching with your department, the University of Iowa, and/or beyond?

We are currently working on curricular revisions with the College of Nursing and this conference has helped my ability to understand national changes that will impact our college and will be applied to our curriculum changes and desire for competency-based education. We are currently in the process of revising our curriculum and mapping them to the AACN essentials. I will apply information to curriculum changes in my courses.

The sessions on coaching were helpful in terms of using it with challenging student situation and can also be applied not only to teaching, but to simulation. These included information about working with a student and “coaching conversations”. It helped me reframed and provided guidance in step-by-step approach.

The session on AI was helpful for ways to explore AI in teaching, writing, scholarship, and much more. The speaker really stressed about the information you feed the AI machine is important to the information you get out. I have already shared with faculty different ways to use AI to improve efficiency and reduce burden.

Lastly, the plenary speakers discussed how nursing relationships are foundational to creating health and justice. She gave stories on nurses who used their unique insights and expertise to tackle some of the biggest problems of their time. She provided several examples of nurses who because they work in relationship with people often notice suffering in individuals and communities and then work to alleviate that suffering. The stories varied from a nurse on Indian reservation who got smoking banned from indoor facilities to Lillian Wald. She encouraged us to build relationships and encourages nurses to write op-ed.