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Nurses on Boards Coalition Announces Capella University as Founding Strategic Partner

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC), an organization committed to building healthier communities through the service of nurses on all types of boards, has announced today that Capella University has become a founding strategic partner.

NOBC's intent is to ensure that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020, as well as to raise awareness that all boards would benefit from nurses' unique perspectives to achieve improved health and efficient and effective health care systems at the local, state and national levels. NOBC was created in response to the landmark 2010 Institute of Medicine [report](#) on the need for nurses to take a greater role in America's increasingly complex health care system.

“We join our colleagues at the Nurses on Boards Coalition to support advocacy for the appointment of nurses to the highest level of governance in health care organizations and policymaking bodies,” said F. Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Capella University. “We are honored to support NOBC and its efforts to improve health and the quality and efficiency of our health care system.”

“NOBC is pleased to partner with Capella University to provide greater reach to nurse leaders as they consider and prepare for board service. Their innovative approaches to education will provide new ways for nurse leaders to prepare and contribute as valuable board members on all types of boards,” said Kimberly J. Harper, MS, RN, CEO, Indiana Center for Nursing; nursing lead, Indiana Action Coalition-National Future of Nursing Campaign for Action; and NOBC national co-chair.



“We are proud to partner with our colleagues at Capella University to advance our shared goals to improve health in communities across our nation, by advancing more nurse leaders to serve on boards,” said Marla Weston, PhD, RN, FAAN, CEO, American Nurses Association and NOBC national co-chair.

The Capella University founding strategic partnership will make a significant and essential contribution to NOBC’s efforts to [improve health in communities across the nation](#).

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About the Nurses on Boards Coalition

The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) represents national nursing and other organizations working to build healthier communities in America by increasing nurses’ presence on corporate, health-related and other boards, panels and commissions. The coalition’s goal is to improve the health of communities and the nation through the service of nurses on boards and other bodies, ensuring that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020. For more information, visit <http://nursesonboardscoalition.org/>.

About Capella University

Capella University (www.capella.edu) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Founded in 1993, the university is dedicated to providing flexible, professionally aligned online degree programs designed to help working adults advance in their careers. As of Dec. 31, 2016, 37,800 students were enrolled in Capella’s bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral and certificate programs. Known for its commitment to learner success, academic quality and innovations in online education, Capella pioneered competency-based direct assessment programs, allowing students to learn at their own pace. For more information, call 1-888-CAPELLA (227-3552).