

# American Sentinel University Partners with Nurses on Boards Coalition

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American Sentinel University, an accredited healthcare-focused online university, announced today that it has partnered with the Nurses on Board Coalition (NOBC) in its goal of ensuring that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020.

NOBC is an organization committed to building healthier communities through the service of nurses on all types of boards. In addition to ensuring at least 10,000 nurses sit on boards by 2020, NOBC is also dedicated to raising awareness that all boards will uniquely benefit from

nurses' experiences, compassion, and insights. These particular perspectives will help to achieve better community and national health outcomes.

NOBC was created in response to the landmark National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) report on the need for nurses to play a greater role in America's ever-changing healthcare landscape.

"NOBC is proud to recognize American Sentinel as a Founding Healthcare Leadership Organization Strategic Partner," said Patti Epstein, Strategic Programs Manager, NOBC. "American Sentinel's thought leadership and exclusive focus on healthcare education brings natural synergies to our partnership. The active engagement of the American Sentinel community of students, faculty and alums, on all types of boards, will advance our shared goal to improve health in communities across our nation."

"We are honored to partner with our colleagues at the Nurses on Boards Coalition in our shared vision for a stronger nursing presence at key decision-making levels. Nurses offer a real-world perspective of both their patient populations and their healthcare systems," said Dr. Elaine Foster, Dean of Nursing and Healthcare Programs for American Sentinel University.

"American Sentinel University is fortunate to educate nursing leaders from distinguished healthcare organizations all across the country. We know how valuable nurses are in our increasingly complex healthcare systems, and we believe that through education and opportunity, nurses can be a solution to many of the issues we face today."

American Sentinel University is a Level I Founding Healthcare Leadership Organization Strategic Partner and already enjoys a professional relationship with many of the NOBC national member organizations, including AORN, ANA, AONE, STTI, and OADN.

### **About American Sentinel University**

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