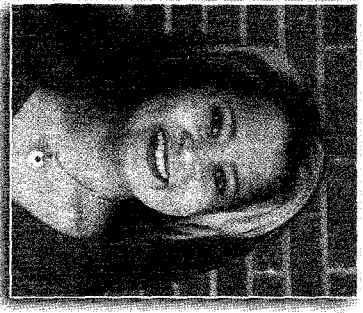


I'm NYSNA!



“Nurses are natural leaders and nurse educators supply the tools for lifelong learning that is the hallmark of the nursing profession. As a graduate of NYSNA’s Leadership Academy, I have gained a different perspective both professionally, and personally, of what it means to be a leader. When I am advising a new nurse graduate on the importance of higher learning, or being active in one’s professional association, I can speak as someone who knows firsthand the value of continuing education and staying connected with peers. I appreciate the value of developing leadership qualities and the positive impact of this experience for my role as a nurse educator. I am proud to have been chosen for NYSNA’s Leadership Academy.”

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NYSNA prepares tomorrow’s nurse leaders

Are you the next Leadership Academy Grad?

For more than a decade, the Leadership Academy Fellows Program has prepared NYSNA members to assume positions of influence within their professional association. Viewed as the “passageway into distinction of nursing leadership,” many graduates of the program have served on the NYSNA Board of Directors, the ANA House of Delegates, executive committees of local bargaining units, the Delegate Assembly, council offices, and district nurses associations’ boards and committees.

In 2007, the NYSNA Board of Directors decided to expand the Leadership Fellows Program to include members at all levels of leadership experience. “The Leadership Academy,” was created with three distinct tiers

- Helping Nurses With Alcohol or Drug-related Problems, and
- Learning is a Lifetime Event.

“These modules provide a mini-study and overview of NYSNA, and can help orient new association members, or encourage members who may be considering leadership roles, but are not yet ready to commit to applying to Leadership Academy,” said Renée Geesedi, director of Education, Practice and Research at NYSNA.

Tiers to success

To graduate from the Leadership Academy, participants must successfully complete two tiers of the program: “Basic Studies,” and “Leadership Fellows.” As they work through these two tiers they concentrate in one of three tracks: General

on-site lectures and webinars in advanced leadership areas such as strategic planning, how to get professional work published, and grant writing. Participants will have the choice to complete a project, build further upon their Tier II project, or mentor a Tier II Fellow during the course of the year. Tier III participants will most often be graduates of Tiers I and II.

Participants may again choose from three tracks: General, Labor Relations and Legislative & Political. This component of the Leadership Academy also includes attendance at meetings, trainings and events that will further enhance and develop their leadership skills.

A key factor in the success of the