

## **INACSL Responds to Proposed ‘Professional Degree’ Reclassification**

The International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) strongly opposes the Department of Education’s exclusion of nursing from the proposed [“professional degree” programs](#). This exclusion ultimately restricts nurses’ access to federal graduate loan programs, posing a threat to the nursing workforce, limiting access to advanced education for nurses, and directly impacting many of INACSL’s 2,900+ members.

The proposed federal definition disregards the extensive training, critical thinking and clinical competencies required of nurses to deliver safe, high-quality, patient-centered care. As simulationists and allied health professionals, our members are dedicated to advancing the science of healthcare simulation, and accessibility to advanced education is vital to those efforts.

This reclassification is a hindrance to nurses seeking advanced practice degrees in all realms, and serves as an additional obstacle to an already [strained profession](#).

INACSL supports the recent statement from the [American Nurses Association](#) and has signed onto their [petition](#). We encourage you to sign and share this petition and continue advocating for the support and respect of the nursing profession.

Sincerely,

*INACSL Board of Directors*