

THE FUTURE OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING—TEN YEARS LATER

In October, 2010 the Institute of Medicine released its report that proposed a fundamental transformation of the Nursing Profession. Targets for transformation included practice, education, and research as well as the need for better data for understanding the healthcare workforce. The release of the IOM report was coincident with early implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that required affordable and equitable care. With nurses as the most trusted and largest healthcare workforce were deemed most able to meet the demands of the ACA but could do so only with the transformative effort deemed necessary in the Future of Nursing report.

While the report did not explicitly address transformation in psychiatric mental health nursing, ten years later, the demand for well qualified mental health providers far exceeds the supply in most places. This special Issue of *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing* examines the ten years since the report and how the specialty area has changed to help meet today's needs for psychiatric and mental health care. Manuscripts are being sought that:

1. Provides data about the psychiatric nursing workforce, changes in the last 10 years and goals for ensuring supply across levels of psychiatric nurses.
2. Examines the diversity of the psychiatric nursing workforce.
3. Discusses outcomes of psychiatric nursing practice.
4. Discusses specific psychiatric nursing roles including the psychiatric nurse practitioner and child mental health providers.
5. Discusses models of psychiatric nursing care especially integrated primary and mental health.
6. Evaluates psychiatric nursing practice in non-traditional settings and roles.
7. Evaluates the status of psychiatric nursing scientists.
8. Examines regulatory and practice barriers for psychiatric nurses, especially for APRNs
9. Include recommendations to realize the transformative effort in psychiatric mental health care.

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