

# ESGENA NEWS



## To our colleagues in U.S Nursing Community

On behalf of the European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates (ESGENA), we would like to express our solidarity and full support regarding the recent concerns raised about the exclusion of nursing education from the category of “professional degree” by the U.S. Department of Education.

Nursing is a profession built on rigorous academic preparation, clinical excellence, ethical responsibility, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Any policy that diminishes the recognition of nursing education not only undermines the profession itself but also risks weakening the foundations of quality healthcare for patients and whole communities.

As European nursing professionals, we understand the importance of protecting the academic and professional integrity of nursing qualifications. Our shared goal—whether in Europe, the United States, or elsewhere—is to ensure that nurses receive education that is respected, valued, and aligned with the complexities and responsibilities of modern healthcare.

We stand with our U.S. colleagues and with the wider international nursing community in emphasizing that nursing education is inherently professional, requiring advanced competencies, critical thinking, and evidence-based practice.

Recognition of nursing qualifications is essential for safeguarding patient safety, supporting workforce mobility, and maintaining public trust.

Policies affecting educational standards must be shaped with meaningful input from the nursing profession and its representative bodies.

ESGENA remains committed to advocating for strong, clearly defined, and internationally recognized nursing education standards. We encourage continued dialogue between policymakers, academic institutions, professional organizations, and nurses themselves to ensure that the vital contributions of nursing professionals are fully acknowledged.

Please know that you have our full support, and we stand with you in this important effort to uphold the value and integrity of nursing education worldwide. ESGENA – Standing in solidarity with nurses everywhere

In solidarity

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