



International Council of Nurses' Chief Nurse inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing

Geneva, Switzerland; 11 October 2021 — The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is pleased to announce that Dr Michelle Acorn, ICN Chief Nurse, Nursing and Programmes, was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) at the Academy's Health Policy Conference on 9 October.

Induction into the Academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader's career in which their accomplishments are honoured by their colleagues within and outside the profession. Fellows are selected based on their contributions and impact to advance the public's health.

The Academy is an honorific society that recognises nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, practice, administration and academia.

Academy Fellows, from nearly 40 countries, hold a wide variety of roles influencing healthcare. Induction into the Fellowship represents more than recognition of one's accomplishments within the nursing profession. Fellows contribute their collective expertise to the Academy, engaging with health leaders nationally and globally to improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science.

Dr. Michelle Acorn, DNP, NP PHC/Adult, MN/ACNP, BScN/PHCNP, FCAN, FAAN, GCNC, who is also an inaugural Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Nursing (FCAN) said:

"It is such an honour to be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing alongside these outstanding nurse leaders. It is a real privilege to be recognised and I will strive to continue to advance the nursing profession and lead my nursing colleagues, both in my role as ICN Chief Nurse and as an advanced practice nurse, a mentor and a teacher."

Dr Acorn was one of 225 individuals selected to be inducted into the 2021 Class of Fellows, selected through a competitive, rigorous application process by the Academy's Fellow Selection Committee, which is comprised of current Fellows. The 2021 Fellows represent 18 countries, 38 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

Dr Acorn's biography can be found [here](#).

