The Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE) has long supported the importance of AACN’s *Public Health: Recommended Baccalaureate Competencies and Curricular Guidelines for Public Health Nursing: A Supplement to the Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice* (2013), as a document to guide faculty teaching public/community health nursing content. Thus, ACHNE greatly appreciates Dr. Susan Swider suggesting we review this important document and provide recommendations to AACN as the Supplement undergoes updating.

ACHNE’s Education Committee, under the guidance of Co-Chairs Drs. Joy Hoffman and Mary Ann Drake, completed a thorough review of the Supplement and the Committee’s recommendations are attached. Education Committee members reviewed the Supplement with an eye for updating the content and resources, as well as aiming to help faculty draw connections between the 2018 Quad Council Competencies for Community and Public Health Nursing (QCC-C/PHN) and the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice. ACHNE’s hope is for the Supplement to support faculty in guiding their students in achieving an expected level of population health competencies as generalist nurses of the future.

The exploration and clarification of important issues in public/community health nursing education, research and practice in documents such as this reflect ACHNE’s responsiveness to changing societal demands, meeting the needs of public/community health nursing educators, and clarifying issues to the larger nursing and public/population health communities. ACHNE is committed to promoting the public’s health through ensuring leadership and excellence in nursing education.

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