


# Professional Identity in Nursing: A Faculty Perspective



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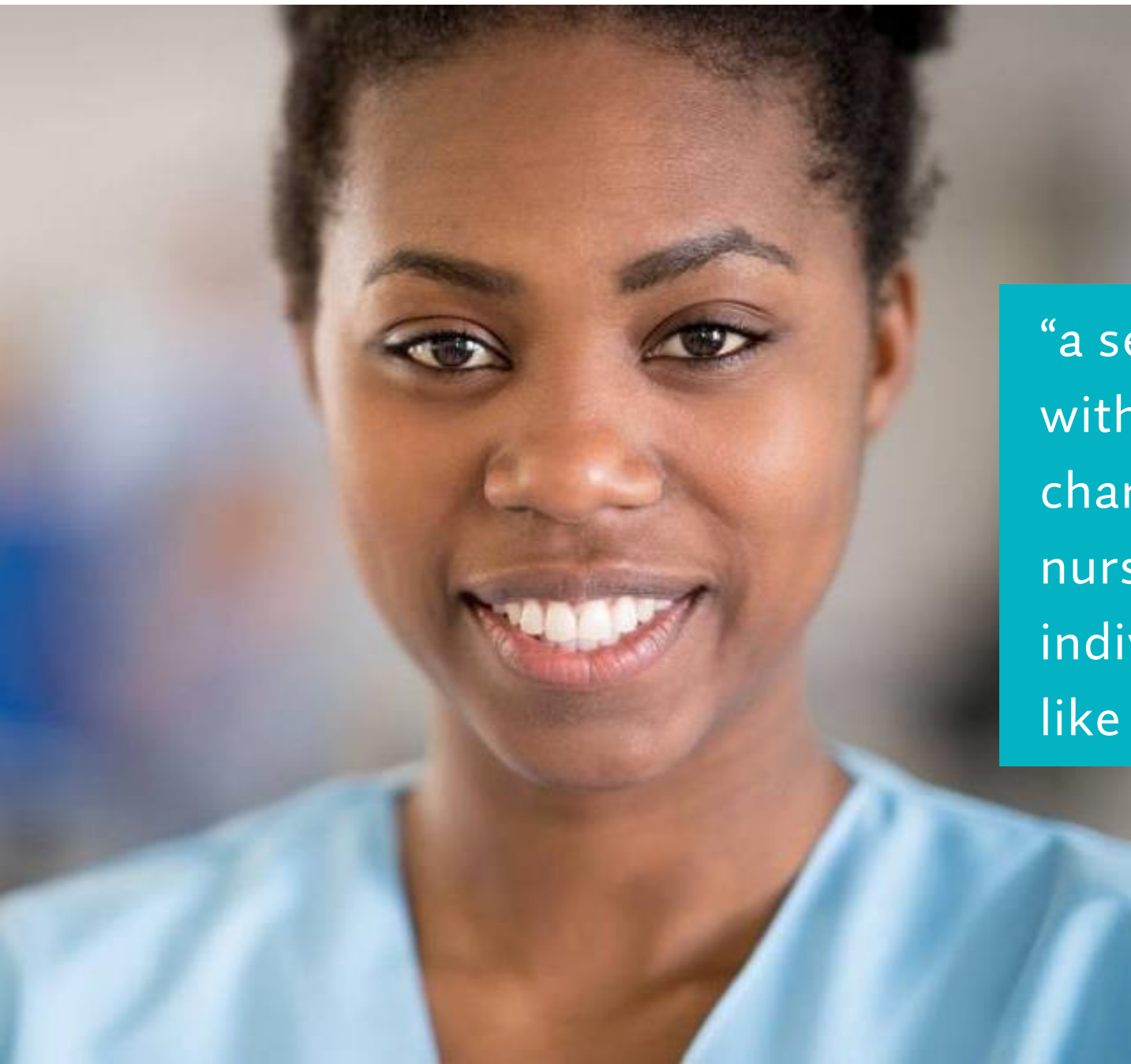
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# OBJECTIVES

***BY THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:***

- Examine the research literature for professional identity in nursing and health professions
- Interpret the definition and four domains of professional identity in nursing from a faculty perspective
- Propose a plan to increase student and faculty flourishing using a mental model with the four domains of values and ethics, knowledge, nurse as leader, and professional comportment



# PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

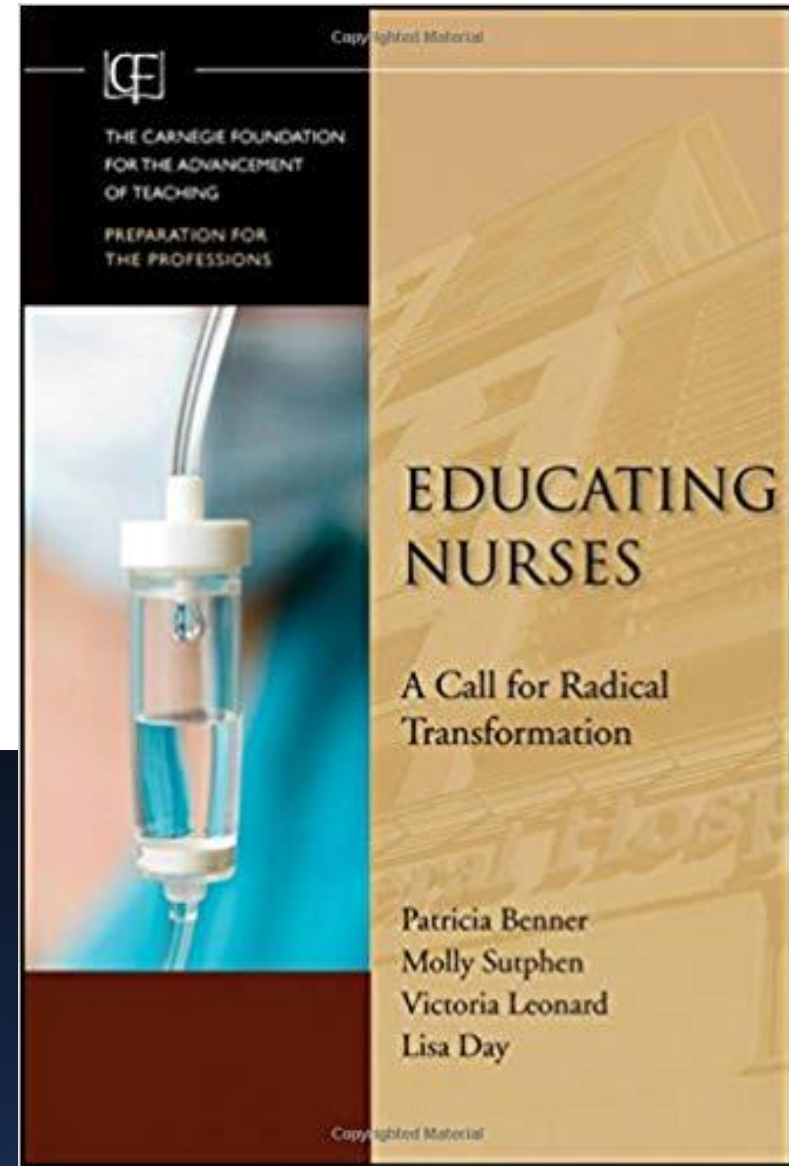
“a sense of oneself, and in relationship with others, that is influenced by characteristics, norms and values of the nursing discipline, resulting in an individual thinking, acting, and feeling like a nurse.”

# IDENTITY: PERSONAL VS PROFESSIONAL

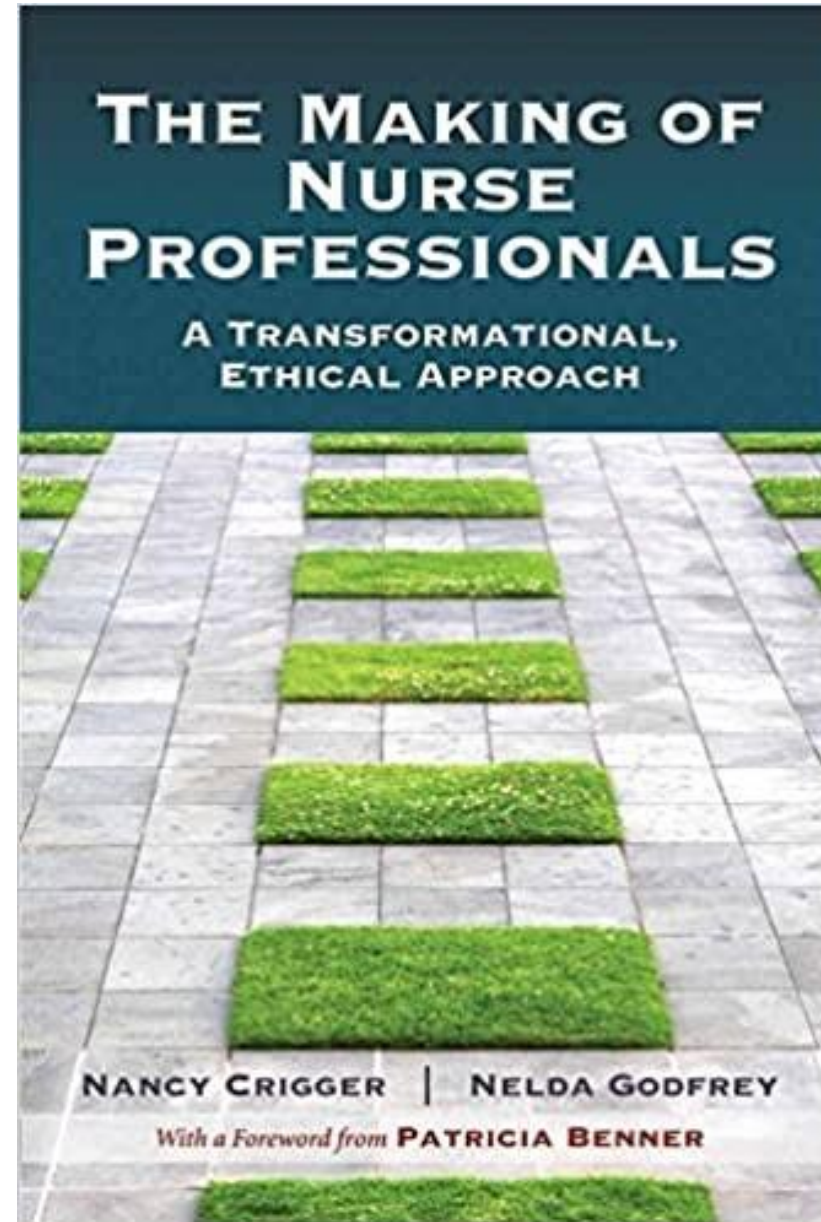


“...[W]e suggest that teachers change their assumptions about teaching and their approach to fostering student learning in four ways: (Benner, et al., 2010, p. 82)

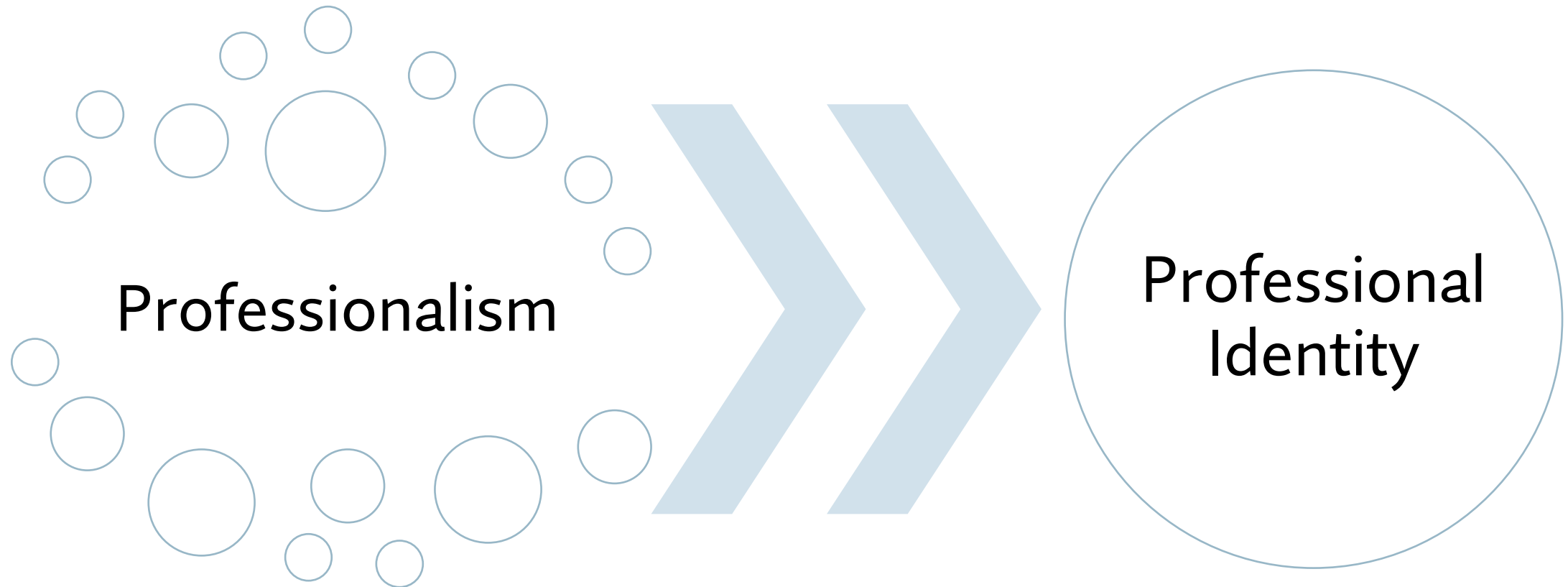
*4. Shift from an emphasis on socialization and role taking to an emphasis on formation.*



# Research on Professionalism in Nursing



# PROFESSIONALISM AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY



The **beginning of wisdom** is the ability to call things by their right names.



*Confucius*



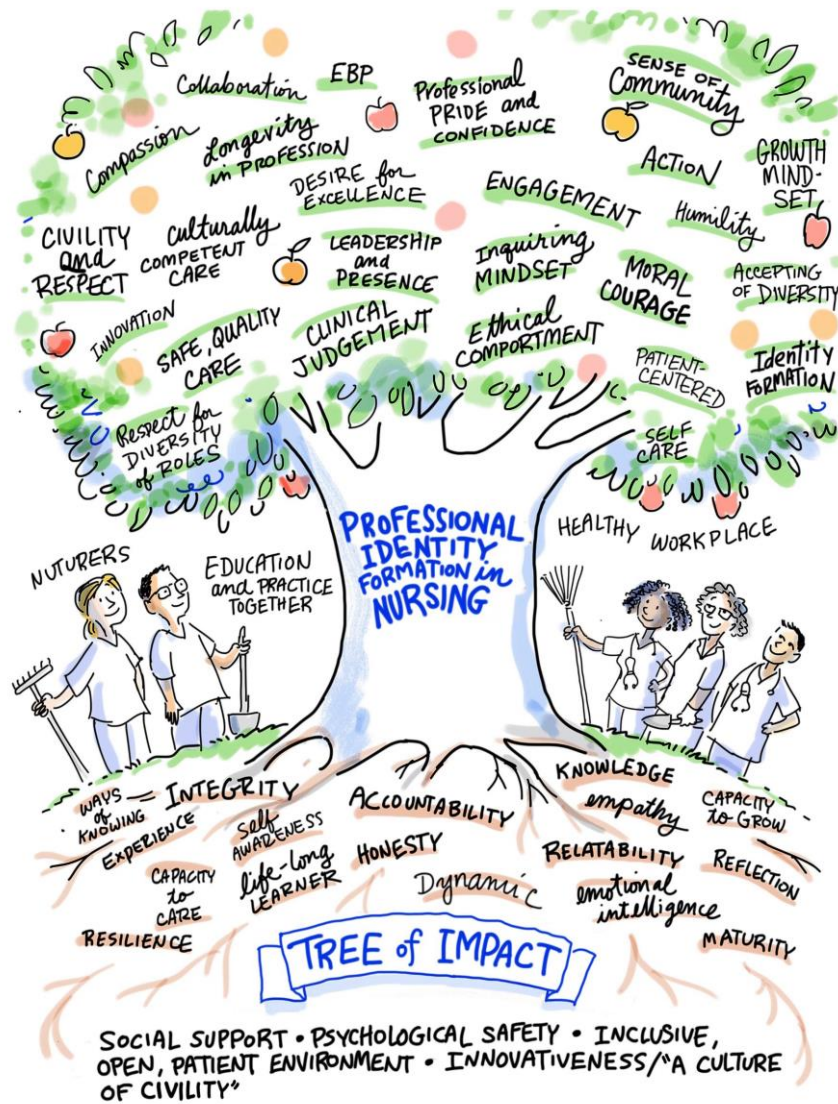
Think Tank 2



Think Tank I

Symposium 2021

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graph TD; A[Professional Identity] --- B[Values and Ethics]; A --- C[Knowledge]; A --- D[Nurse as Leader]; A --- E[Professional Compartmentment]
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Values and  
Ethics

Knowledge

Nurse as  
Leader

Professional  
Compartmentment

# Professional Identity in Nursing

## Values and Ethics

- *A set of core values and principles that guide conduct.*

## Knowledge

- *Analysis and application of information derived from nursing and other disciplines, experiences, critical reflection and scientific discovery.*

## Nurse as Leader

- *Inspiring self and others to transform a shared vision into reality.*

## Professional Compartment

- *A nurse's professional behavior demonstrated through words, actions and presence.*



# Values and Ethics



Knowledge

# Nurse as Leader





# Professional Compartment





# INTERACTIVE EXERCISE #1



Values and Ethics



Knowledge



Nurse as Leader



Professional  
Comportment

INTERACTIVE  
EXERCISE #2



# WHY NURSING FACULTY?



## **FACULTY REALLY MATTER**

Proud of our contribution

Share expertise

Caring spirit

## **WE ARE INFLUENCERS**

Growth mindset

Active knowledge about the field

Bridge practice and academia

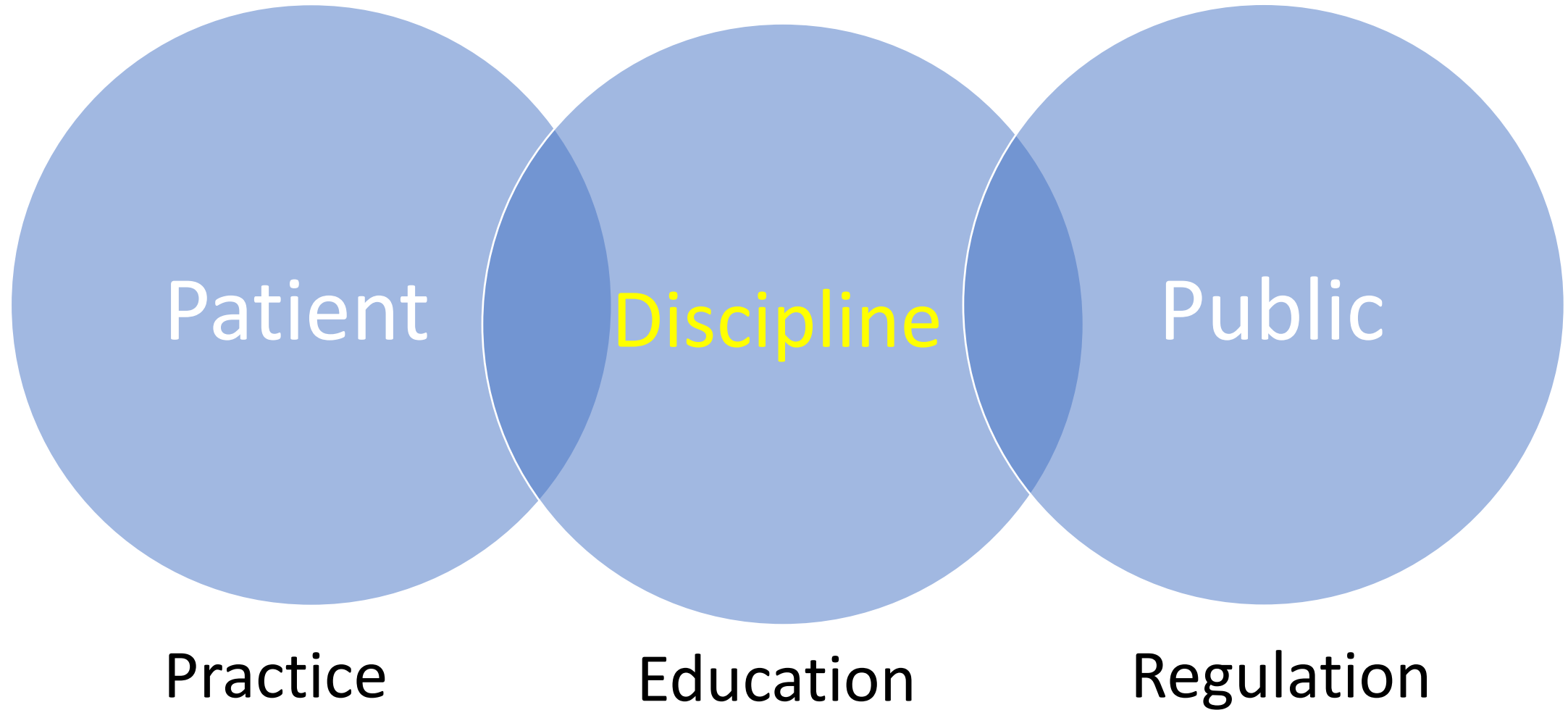
## **WE SEE THE FUTURE**

We think about the discipline

We individualize learning strategies

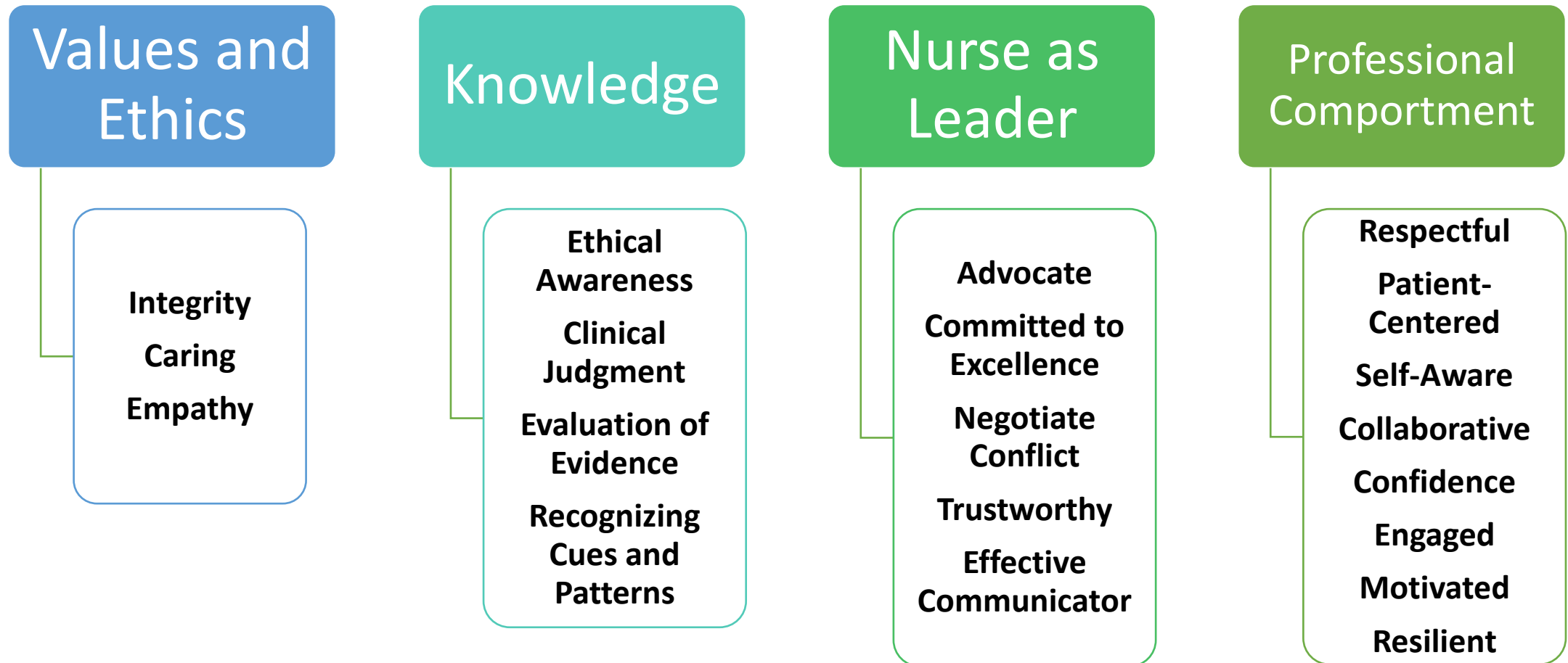
We see pathways for students to succeed

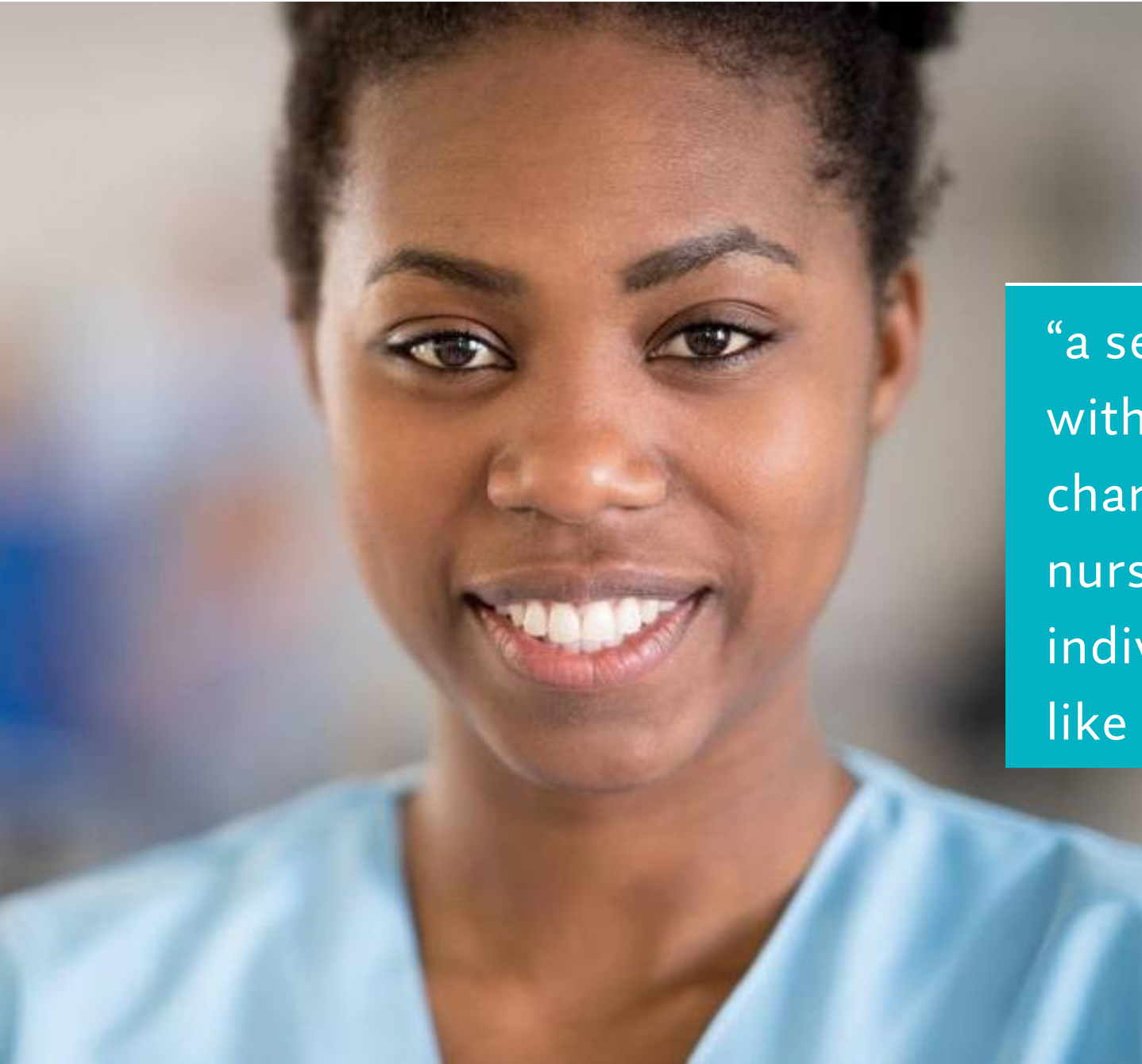
# Three Circles--



# >1100 Nurse Educators Responded:

Landis, et al., 2021





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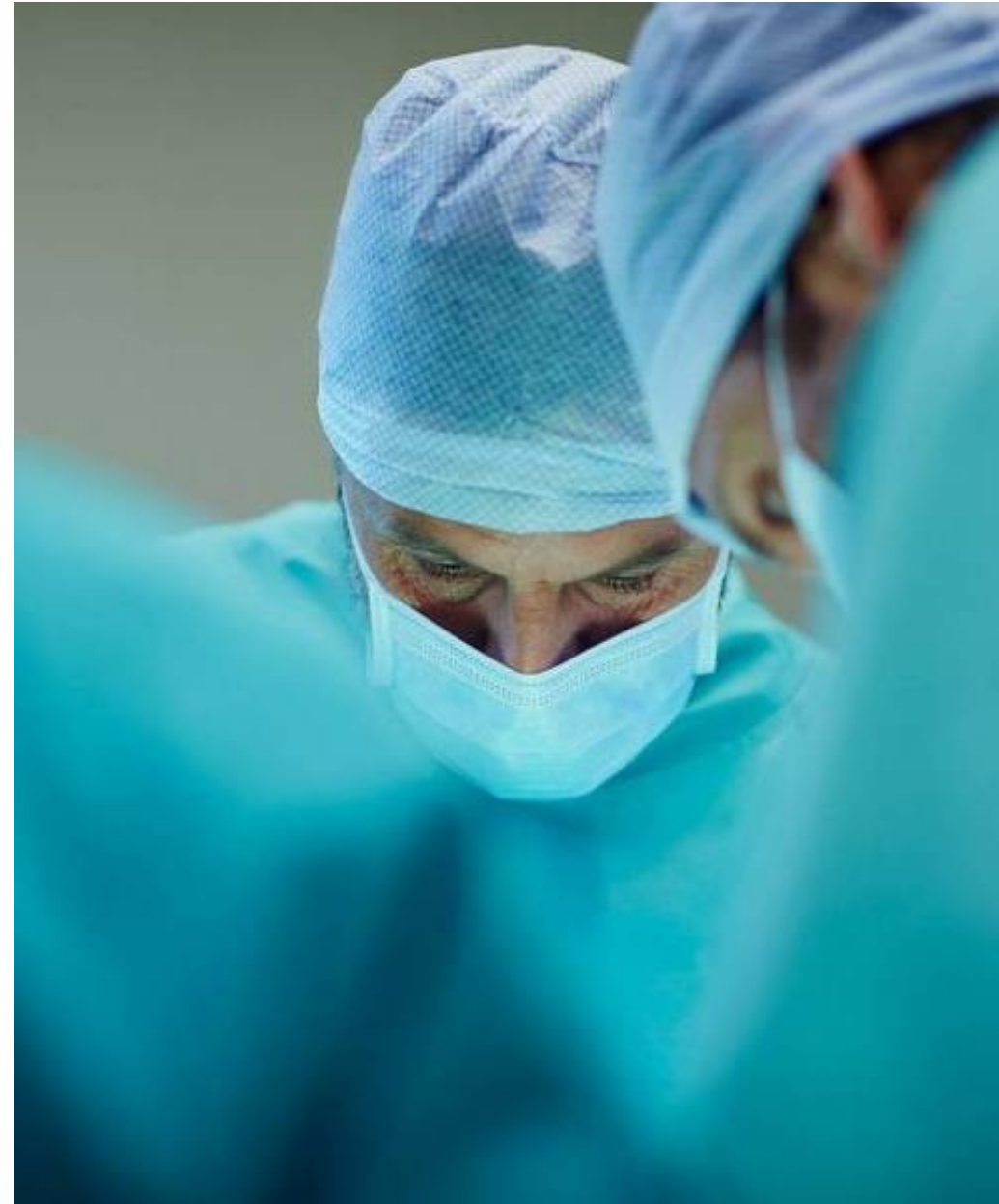
## Interactive Exercise #3



# Professional Identity in Nursing



# Interactive Exercise #4



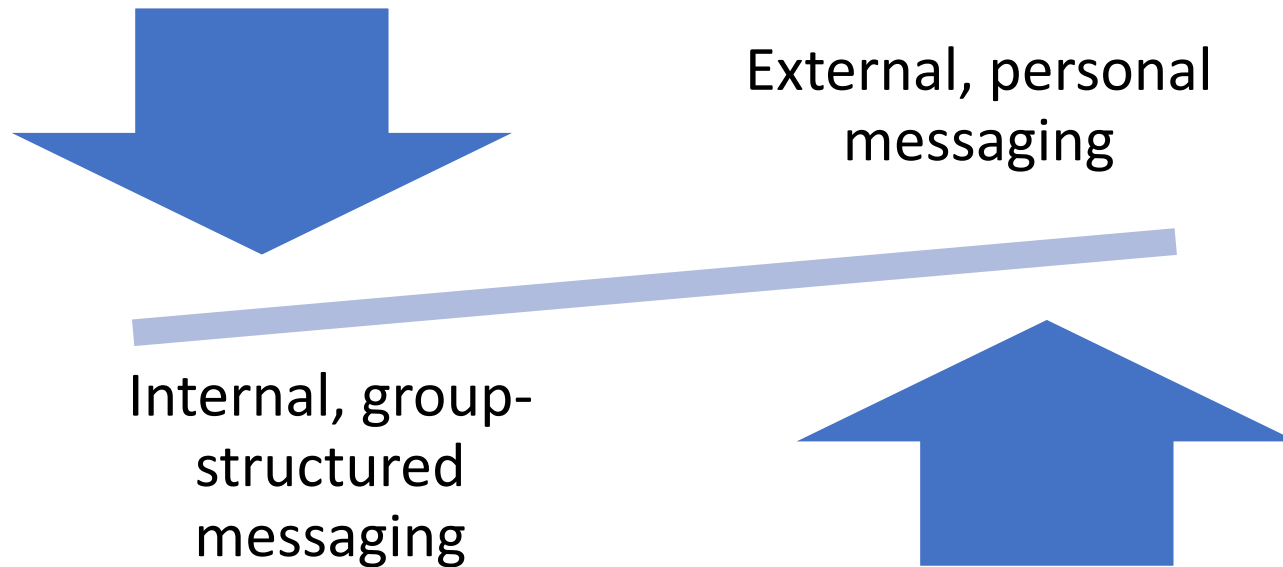
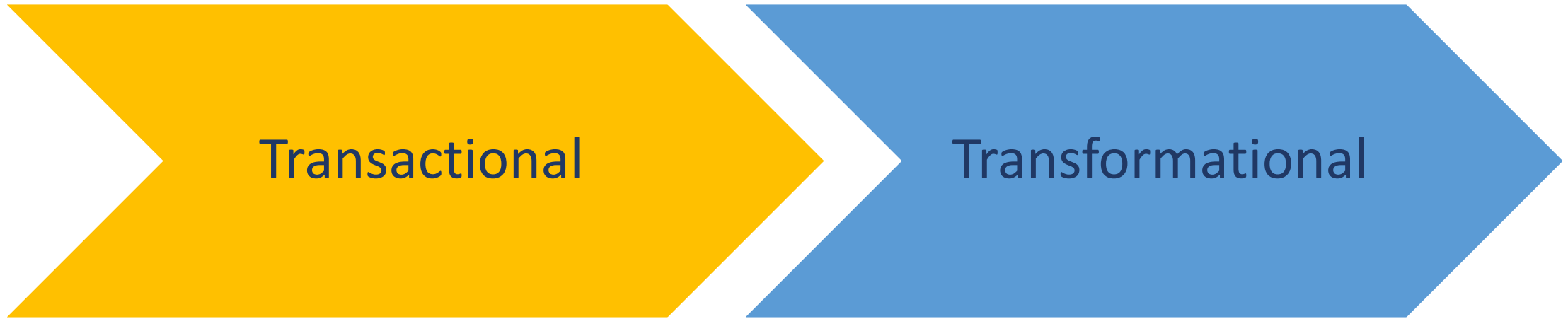
# Impacting the Discipline

AACN Essentials: Core Competencies  
for Professional Nursing Practice

Domain 9 Professionalism

- Competency 9.5 Demonstrate one's professional identity of nursing.
- Competency 9.6 Integrate diversity, equity and inclusion in one's professional identity of nursing

# What if?



# What if?

Internal locus

Change nomenclature  
*Develop a community of practice*

Actively use reflection in all educational settings  
*Build interprofessional advocacy*

Elevate the importance of effective role modeling

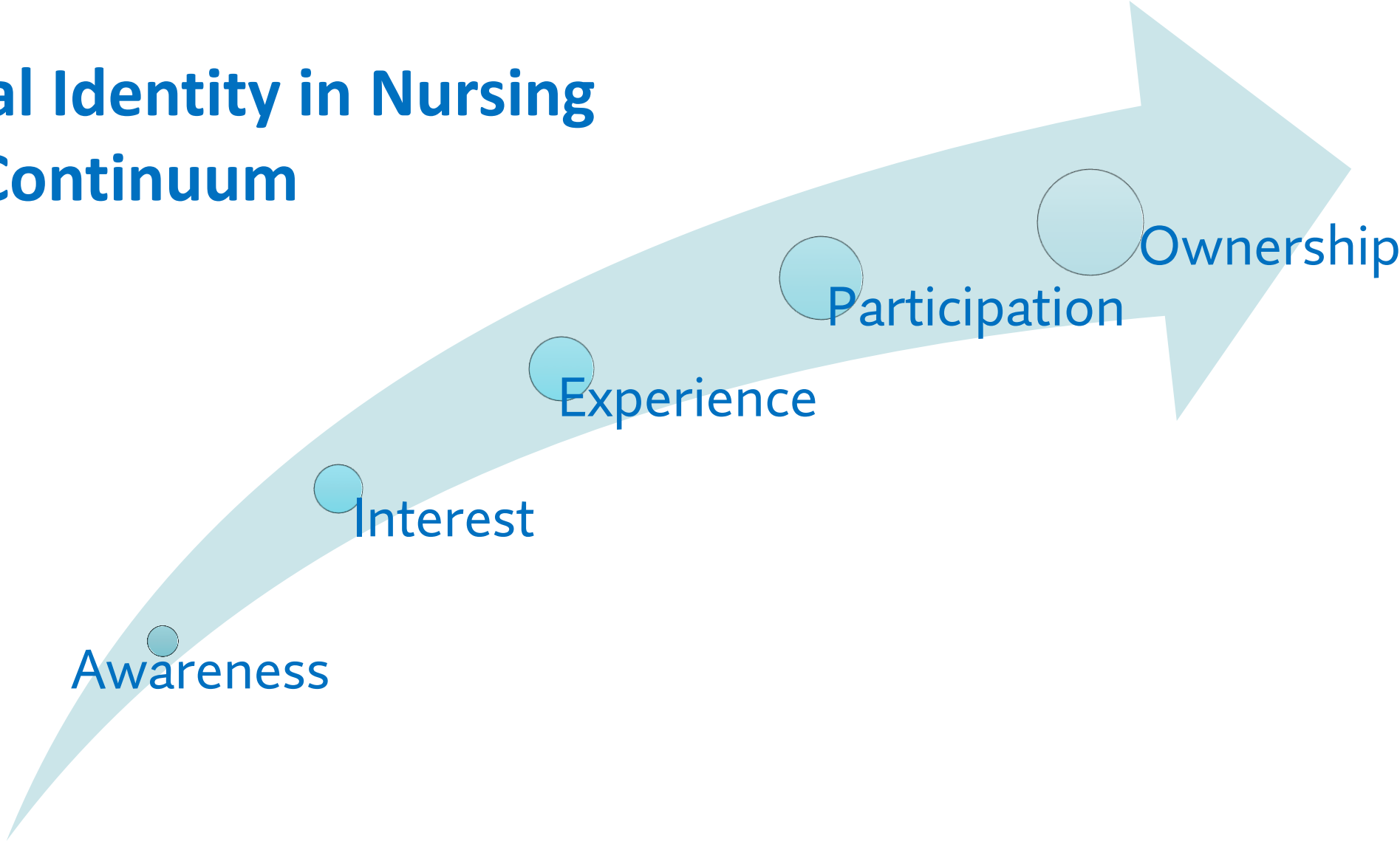
*Be proactive with our discipline*

Remove archaic policies and expectations  
*Decrease emphasis on building confidence and increase emphasis on self-calibration*

Build structures that support a full-fledged academic and practice discipline

External locus

# Professional Identity in Nursing Continuum



We cannot change what  
we are **not** aware of,  
and once we are **aware**,  
we cannot help but **change**.

- *Sheryl Sandberg*



# IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE **PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY IN NURSING** INITIATIVE:

- Contact Lauren Roberts at [lroberts6@kumc.edu](mailto:lroberts6@kumc.edu) and ask to be placed on the distribution list for the *International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing*, or click on [www.kumc.edu/ispin](http://www.kumc.edu/ispin)
- This is a group of interested people who participate in work groups and receive quarterly newsletters. There are no membership dues.



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