



Our book on the journey toward the “BSN in 10” is now ready to be published! I am delighted and proud to advise you that the Foundation of New York State Nurses will publish and market it.

Deborah Elliott, Executive Director of the Foundation, notes, “The Foundation has previously published two books documenting highly significant achievements and issues in nursing. The first, ‘*Legitimizing the Profession of Nursing: The Distinct Mission of the New York State Nurses Association*,’ traced the founding of the New York State Nurses Association and its persistent legislative efforts to insure the availability of qualified nursing services to the public. The second, ‘*Critical Issues in American Nursing in the Twentieth Century*,’ presented the proceedings of a conference, co-sponsored by the Foundation and the Rockefeller Archive Center, designed to contribute to scholarly understanding of the nursing profession and health care history. The Foundation is immensely pleased to publish, ‘*Advancing the Education of Registered Nurses to the Baccalaureate Degree: New York’s Journey*,’ thereby continuing its commitment to document historical matters of particular professional significance.”

Over 150 individuals have contributed remembrances for this anthology. The stories are humorous, thought provoking, filled with examples of how a group of strong minded women and men were able to convince legislators, unions, the medical profession, the health care association, and yes, even the nursing profession of the value of advancing the education of RNs to the BSN without closing a single associate degree or diploma program.

You can help us replicate our NYS accomplishment throughout the nation by supporting publication of this important document. We trust, that distributing documentary evidence of our success will have a cascading effect so that every future American RN will eventually obtain a BS in Nursing degree. The voices of NY nurses need to be heard. Publication will be costly and is in excess of the Foundation’s limited resources. An anonymous donor has agreed to match all donations up to a cap of \$5,000, which is approximately half the cost of printing and distributing a first edition.

Please consider making your tax-free donation to the Foundation of NYS Nurses. Mail your check to **Foundation of New York State Nurses, 2113 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY 12084.**

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done to advance the educational preparation of nurses and to make our book possible – and for your generous financial support of our book’s publication.

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