

# NURS 6003 Module 1 Week 1 Networking For Academic And Professional Success

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## Discussion: [Networking Opportunities](#)

In this module, you begin laying the foundation for your academic and professional success. Your efforts begin with a vision that includes your own definition of success. Your vision may vary from those of your colleagues, but this does not mean you have to take these first steps alone.

[Walden University](#) and the School of Nursing (SON) also have a vision and mission, which include helping you to make your own vision a reality. Members of your new academic community, such as faculty, support teams, and fellow students, can also be helpful. Current practitioners and other members of the professional community can also help you to clarify your vision.

This Module's Discussion asks you to consider how the Walden mission and vision as well as the SON's mission and vision apply to your professional and academic goals. You will also begin to identify individuals and teams who can help you along the way as you begin designing the "blueprint"—your [Academic Success and Professional Development](#) Plan—that will guide you toward your own vision for academic and professional success.

**To Prepare:**

- Review the Walden and SON mission and vision statements, Walden's goals and University Outcomes, and the MSN Program Learning Outcomes presented in this Module's Learning Resources.
- Reflect on your professional and academic goals as they relate to your program/specialization.
- Consider how the [information in these resources](#) fit with your own goals and to your becoming a scholar-practitioner.
- Also consider academic and professional individuals and teams with whom you may collaborate in support of your efforts as a student at the university and as a professional within your organization and career.

### **By Day 3 of Week 1**

**Post** a brief introduction of yourself to your colleagues. Include an explanation as to how Walden's vision, mission, goals, and social change initiatives relate to your professional and academic goals and to your becoming a scholar-practitioner. Also include an explanation for how the Walden MSN Program Outcomes and perspectives relate to your professional and academic goals and to your becoming a scholar-practitioner.

Then, post a draft of Part 1 of your Academic Success and Professional Development Plan Template, indicating at **least two** academic and **at least two** professional individuals or teams with whom you wish to collaborate to be successful in your MSN program and as a practicing nurse along with an explanation for your selections.

### **By Day 6 of Week 1**

**Respond** to at least **two** of your colleagues' posts by suggesting additional individuals and/or teams with whom you wish to collaborate or by offering additional networking strategies.

Related Posts:

[Assignment NURS 6003 Part 1 Developing an Academic and Professional Network](#)

[NURS 6003 Assignment Academic Success and Professional Development Plan Part 6](#)

[NURS 6003 Assignments Transition to Graduate Study](#)

### **Sample Approach**

Hi everyone,

I've been a nurse for a while, and as I've wanted to have more freedom when caring for patients and their families, my interest in the job of a nurse in family nursing has increased. In order to practice family nursing full-time, my professional objective is to be able to gather thorough patient histories, perform physical examinations, develop thorough treatment and care plans, and prescribe medications. However, it is understood that attaining this position and serving in this role requires advancing my degree. This prompted the search for universities and colleges that can offer the requisite training and education to advance the nursing degree, with an emphasis on family nursing.

After an intense search for online colleges and universities, Walden university was located. Initially, the flexibility which the university offers was what attracted me the most. However, a further investigation revealed that the university's mission and vision resonate so well with my academic and professional goal. As indicated in Aleong

(2018), the university seeks to offer a diverse set of career professionals that can potentially transform themselves as scholar-practitioners to affect desirable social change.

The mission and vision allow for furthering education and having a positive impact on patients, families, and the community at large. By advancing my nursing education, I would be able to be a better patient advocate and provide continuity of care that improves patient outcomes.

Walden University's Center for Social change is a networking hub committed to building communities, empowering change-makers, and elevating social change results. It describes a positive social change as a deliberate process of developing and adopting actions, strategies, and ideas to promote dignity, worth, and the development of societies, cultures, organizations, and individuals (Walden University, n.d). I have always felt that I should be in a position to impact individuals and the world, either directly or indirectly. As a nurse, I intend to integrate social change with knowledge obtained from this university to help others and contribute to my field.

## **References**

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