

TOPIC: **IN SUPPORT OF ELIMINATING MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY (MRDD) TERMINOLOGY FROM THE NURSING CURRICULUM**

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WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends updating language to promote the inclusion of people with IDD; and

WHEREAS, barriers arise between people with and without disabilities from a lack of appropriate communication; and

WHEREAS, social inclusion for people with IDD remains an important priority; and

WHEREAS, disparities in quality of care exist between adults with disabilities compared to adults without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, IDD exist as chronic conditions affecting the entire lifespan of the individual; and

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Student Nurses' Association (OhSNA) encourages that learning materials reflect the change in terminology to better promote advocacy and the inclusion of people with IDD; and be it further

RESOLVED, that OhSNA encourages the removal of MRDD terminology from the nursing curriculum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA send a copy of this resolution to the Ohio Nurses Association, the Ohio League for Nursing, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Board of Nursing, the office of John Kasich Governor of Ohio, and all others deemed appropriate by the OhSNA Board of Directors.