

Prairie Horizons:
Nurturing the Future of Nursing in North Dakota

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**Embracing Your Professional Identity in Nursing:
Why Is It Important to You and the Nursing Profession?**



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Dr. Owens is the President of the International Society for Professional Identity in Nursing. In addition, she is a member of the American Nurses Association, North Dakota Nurses Association, Midwest Nursing Research Society, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Dr. Owens' research focuses on pressure injury prevention, adult learning theory, nursing education pedagogy, nursing workforce intent to stay and work satisfaction, and professional identity in nursing.

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