

The York University School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health will present the 2024 June Awrey Lecture ***“Intention to Lead: Local to Global Influence and Impact”*** on June 17 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Please register on [zoom webinar](#).



Established in 2018, the June Awrey Lecture aspires to engage students, faculty, academic and practice partners, alumni, and others in ground-breaking ideas that will stimulate excellence in practice, policy, leadership, education, and research.

This year the ***June Awrey Lecture powered by RBC OnCampus***, will focus on nursing as a global profession without borders. Delivering this year's lecture is **Dr. Michelle Acorn**, a York University alumna, and the current CEO of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario.

Michelle Acorn

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Dr. Acorn has over 35 years of nursing, health systems and leadership expertise. Dr. Acorn transitioned to her Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario (NPAO) CEO role in January 2024. She previously was the inaugural Chief Nurse with the International Council of Nurses, a former Provincial Chief Nursing Officer in Ontario, and has served as a NPAO President.

Dr. Acorn was inducted as an inaugural Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Nursing (FCAN), Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (FFNMRCIS, Ad Eundem), and Fellow of the Queens Institute in the United Kingdom. She has received prestigious recognitions including the Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada Award of Excellence and Premier's Award Nominee for Outstanding Scholars and Leaders.

Dr. Acorn upholds all the NP advanced practice role domains. She is diploma to post-doctoral educationally prepared as a Doctor of Nurse Practitioner/ Nursing Practice, dually registered as both a Primary Health Care and Adult Nurse Practitioner, and a certified Global Nurse Consultant. Dr. Acorn's diverse clinical expertise includes practicing in the Emergency, as a Hospitalist, innovating GAIN (Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Networks), and pioneering the most responsible provider (MRP) impacts of a NP-led model of inpatient hospital care as well as NP primary care models in corrections. Dr. Acorn continues to practice in the community enhancing access to care for health equity seeking populations. Finally, she is a recognized as a credible clinician, thought leader, mentor, teacher and scholar locally to globally.