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A current concern of our professional category has been the perspective and the continuity of Nursing practice in the daily health of our country. Where are we going to? What will be our future reality?

The art of caring has geometrically increased the formation of many unprepared professionals, thickening unemployed lines. The precarious work in area also has contributed for turning it not so attractive. However, what is seen is every time more new schools, both in technical level as in faculty one, with many students in its classrooms.

Each day we dumbfoundedly watch one more inauguration of course, school or university, with their attractive folders exhibiting advertising messages based on "competing" prices. To offer more for less seems to be an efficient strategy in teaching commerce too. In those models, how will the nurses be graduated? Is it possible to guarantee quality in teaching for an enormous number of schools in this continental country?

Brazilian Nursing Association has been leading its concern with this matter when offering the National Seminars for Nursing Education Guidelines (Seminários Nacionais de Diretrizes para a Educação em Enfermagem – SENADEn), as a space for reflection, discussion and propositions for this teaching in our country, understanding that only through education necessary changes for the profession will occur, and these changes will be extended to the health system users.

In this August 2006, inside commemorations of our Association's anniversary, the X SENADEn will be held in Brasília with the theme "80 years of ABEn: conquests, advances, challenges and perspectives for nursing education".

Thus, aiming at evaluating and creating opportunity spaces for a reflection over education and its impact in nursing worker profile and the meaning of this category in the building of a democratic society, X SENADEn proposes a historical review and definition of a position to recover, to strength and to engage the workers in order to translate it into daily practices, sharing of experiences based on a political, technical, scientific and ethics identity regarding the magnitude of our profession.

Come on to participate and give your contribution to the improvement of our profession!