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ABOUT

Stephen A. Ferrara is a nationally recognized nurse practitioner, executive leader, and health AI expert. Founder and CEO of **AI + Nurse Academy** (ainurseacademy.ai) and Immediate Past President of AANP (121,000+ members), he brings 25+ years of primary care practice, health policy leadership, and nonprofit executive experience to every stage.

SIGNATURE TOPICS

AI Literacy for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals

Practical framework for evaluating and adopting AI tools in clinical and organizational settings.

The Future of Advanced Practice Nursing

Where NP practice is heading, how policy is reshaping scope, and how NPs move into leadership.

Health Policy, Advocacy, and the NP Workforce

How legislation shapes NP practice and what effective national advocacy looks like.

Nonprofit and Healthcare Executive Leadership

Leading mission-driven organizations, managing boards at scale, and building executive credibility.

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

NM NP Council Spring Conference

AI in Action: Equipping NPs for Healthcare's Digital Revolution, April 2026

NP State Summit, Texas NPs

Smarter Work, Stronger Impact: A Practical AI Workshop, January 2026

University of Michigan

AI in Health Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, 2025

Amer. College of Healthcare Executives

Congress, Houston, TX, 2025

National Academy of Medicine

Workforce Implications of AI, Washington, DC, 2024

AIMed24 Conference

AI and the Future of Healthcare Careers, Orlando, FL, 2024

Florida NP Network Annual Conference

The Future of Advanced Practice Nursing, 2023

AI + Nurse Academy — Stephen's speaking topics connect directly to on-demand AI education for nursing teams and organizations. Learn more at ainurseacademy.ai