

DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER AWARD
JASON H. GILBERT, PHD MBA RN NEA-BC
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF NURSE EXECUTIVE,
IU HEALTH



Dr. Gilbert epitomizes the attributes of Indiana's "Distinguished Hoosier Award." He has significantly contributed to the successful implementation of Governor Eric Holcomb's "Healthy Indiana Initiative" and HEA 1003. Dr. Jason Gilbert provided invaluable assistance and support in the successful passage of House Bill 1003 including its' implementation.

He was instrumental in getting Indiana University Health, the state's most comprehensive physician and hospital network, in awarding Ivy Tech Community College an \$8.75 million grant and Indiana University School of Nursing \$16 million grant to expand their nursing program and increase nursing student enrollment. The grant will be used for investments necessary to support expanded enrollment, such as faculty and staff recruiting and compensation, educational equipment and supportive services for students. The above financial grants will allow nursing schools to grow their nursing professional pool into a robust healthcare nursing workforce in Indiana. In addition, Dr. Gilbert's support in hiring and recruiting about 200 qualified foreign educated nurses at the IU Health Systems will bridge the gap in the critical nursing workforce shortage that has reached to a crisis in our state.

Jason Gilbert, PhD MBA RN NEA-BC, joined IU Health in 2011 as Director of Nursing Operations at the IU Health adult academic health center in Indianapolis, IN. Since then, he held several progressive leadership roles at both the regional and system level and was named Chief Nurse Executive in February 2020. Prior to IU Health, Dr. Gilbert spent four years at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Gilbert completed his Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Ohio State University in 2011 and received a doctorate in Nursing Science in 2017 from Indiana University School of Nursing.