



## Wisconsin Nurses Association Legislative & Regulatory Agenda 2023 - 2024 Biennium

**WNA - Vision** - To be a true catalyst for transforming health care through advancing the nursing profession

**WNA - Mission** - To be the voice and principal advocate for the nursing profession grounded in our core values

**WNA - Core Values** - Service-focused, Innovative, Data Driven, Impactful, Inclusive and Integrity

### **WNA Public Policy - Guiding Principles:**

- WNA and its members are the collective and collaborative voice to advocate for access to equitable, comprehensive, and coordinated healthcare, nursing continuing professional development, and optimal workforce conditions.
- Registered and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are critical to achieving the goals of improving healthcare delivery and population health in Wisconsin.
- Strong interprofessional partnerships promote the health of the public and address health disparities

### **WNA Public Policy Priorities:**

- **Access** - Advocate for policies that...
  - Increase Wisconsin's access to equitable, economical, safe, quality, ethical, and innovative healthcare for all utilizing an educated and competent nursing and healthcare workforce.
  - Increase patient access to care through the passage of the APRN Modernization Act resulting in full practice authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN).
- **Education** - Advocate for policies that...
  - Increase educational opportunities that support the growth of a future nursing workforce.
  - Address barriers and needed resources to increase the number of nurse educators.
  - Incentivize the role of nursing student preceptors resulting in rich clinical experiences.
- **Nursing Practice & Workforce** - Advocate for policies that...
  - Reinforce public health infrastructure and programs to promote prevention, health promotion, and response to public health emergencies, while also addressing health disparities.
  - Utilize current data on recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction of nurses currently in practice to address the nurse workforce shortage in Wisconsin.
  - Promote safe practice and care delivery environments for nurses and patients, including protections for workplace violence

*Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) is the premier organization representing the interests of Wisconsin's 90,000 registered nurses. WNA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating for health care policies that affect nurses and the public. **WNA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all***