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 Wisconsinite’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.
  - Address the nurse workforce shortage in Wisconsin utilizing current data on recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction of nurses currently in practice.
  - 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**

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