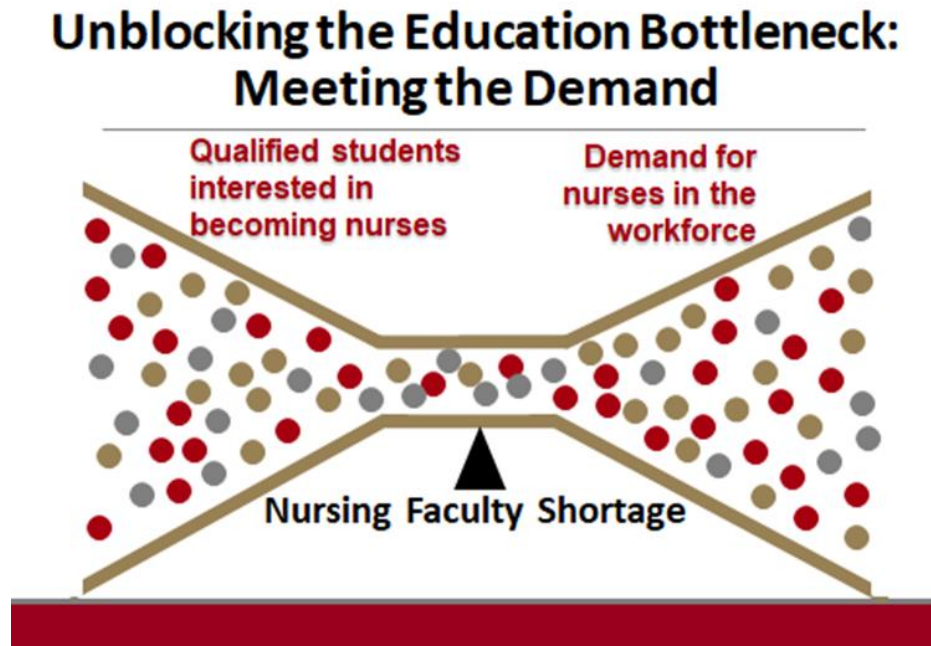


Wisconsin's Nurse Faculty Shortage



The Nurse Faculty Shortage is one of WNA's priorities for the 2025-2026 legislative biennium

WNA and the Administrators of Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW) would like to see Wisconsin's state biennial budget proposal continue to be funded at \$5 million per year.

Background

According to the 2022 RN Workforce Report Wisconsin's Nursing Programs in less than ten years will see a **58 percent** reduction in nurse faculty. At the same time, in less than ten years **32,000 RNs** plan to leave direct patient care.

These forecasts call for continued support for providing loan forgiveness to nurses interested in working as a nurse educator.

The Wisconsin Nurses Educator Program (WNEP) has successfully awarded forgivable loan forgiveness dollars to 143 nurses in Wisconsin. When they graduate, they will work as a nurse educator in any of Wisconsin's educational programs.

Call to Action

This is an official **Call to Action**, beginning February 25, 2025 in conjunction with WNA's Nurses Day at the Capitol. WNA is asking that you contact your state legislators to let them know about the impact of not having

enough nurse faculty will have on the supply of Wisconsin's future nursing workforce and to request they support the \$10 million budget allocation.