

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING

# PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

2025-2026





# EDUCATION

- ▶ Support policies that promote academic progression to ensure a sufficient nurse workforce prepared to respond effectively to the health care needs of the nation and the global community.
- ▶ Advocate for funding to expand nurse faculty education programs and faculty salaries to enhance the development of a diverse faculty of educators, scholars, and leaders.
- ▶ Support funding of research initiatives that promote the scholarship of teaching and advance the science of nursing education.
- ▶ Support funding for policy initiatives to promote access to technological innovation in nursing education.
- ▶ Advocate for regulatory policies that allow for innovative approaches in nursing education while maintaining quality and safety standards.

# WORKFORCE

- ▶ Support funding to increase and retain nurses and nurse educators in the workforce.
- ▶ Advocate for research funding that addresses the impact of climate change and social determinants of health on population health and health system outcomes.
- ▶ Advocate for APRNs to function to their full practice authority.
- ▶ Pursue funding to support the education, recruitment and retention of a diverse APRN workforce.
- ▶ Support policy and research initiatives that promote data collection and analysis for nurse workforce planning.
- ▶ Support policies for equitable reimbursement consistent with the level of care provided by nurses.
- ▶ Advocate for nursing licensure that is fluid across state boundaries to increase access to care while maintaining public safety.
- ▶ Support policies that sustain and further develop the role of nursing in public health preparedness and community resilience.

# ACCESS

- ▶ Promote access to equitable comprehensive health care for individuals, families, communities, and populations.
- ▶ Support policies to eliminate statutory and regulatory barriers to nursing practice and enable nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and preparation.
- ▶ Support maximizing education funding for nurses who commit to practice in rural and underserved areas.
- ▶ Promote policies related to climate change that impact the health and well-being of all individuals, families, communities, and populations.

# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- ▶ Promote policies and funding to recruit and retain nurses and nurse educators who mirror the diversity of the nation.
- ▶ Advocate for culturally relevant policies that sustain nursing education leading to evidence-based health care delivery that addresses social determinants of health.
- ▶ Support policies that address the diverse health needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations within the nation and the global community.
- ▶ Promote policies and evidence-based strategies to foster and sustain inclusivity and belonging in academic and health care environments.
- ▶ Advocate for a shared agenda among national nursing organizations to address social determinants of health to achieve health equity.

