

Connecticut Nurses' Association is committed to engage the power of nurses to shape an integrated and equitable healthcare system that supports the health of the public, including individuals, families, populations, and communities. Evidence based nursing practice is core to meeting the health and wellness needs of the public.

Since 1904 the Connecticut Nurses' Association has helped nurses navigate an increasingly complex healthcare environment. As the largest and most trusted profession, nurses care for all of Connecticut, in all specialty areas, practice settings,

Advancing the Nursing Profession to Promote a Healthy Connecticut

Safe Workplace Environments

- Foster safe workplace environments promote professional satisfaction, and protect physical and mental health, ultimately support nurse retention
- Foster policies and practices that address racism in academic and work environments

Professional Practice & Workforce

Retain current nursing workforce through policies and practices that ensure nurses can provide quality care to individuals, families, and communities

- Safeguard the ability of nurses to practice according to the Nurse Practice Act and monitor for modifications that promote and ensure public safety
- Provide for payment structures that accurately reflect the value of nursing practice, compensate competitively, and incentivize quality and safety
- Advocate for the inclusion of metrics to increase diversity of nursing faculty and students to reflect state demographics
- Expand health resources for LGBTQIA+ community including healthcare access and support, advocacy, and provider competency education.
- Provide adequate funding for nursing workforce professional development and continuing education
- Promote policies for scholarship and debt relief programs for nurses in all practice settings

Health for Individuals, Communities, & the Environment

Enhance a culture of health and wellness that will enable the people of Connecticut to live their healthiest lives

- Incorporate nursing expertise in every space where health related decisions are being made for people including but not limited to: advisories, task forces, commissions, and boards.
- Identify and remove practices and policies, that create structural racism
- Assure the delivery of safe and competent nursing care services under the direction and supervision of a professional RN
- Address social determinants of health (economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, social and community context) to improve health outcomes for individuals; from infants to the elderly
- Promote practices to provide high quality and equitable people centered care from birth to death.
- Opioid addiction is preventable and treatable. Promote professional and community education, engagement, and removal of barriers to accessing and using opioid reversal agents by the public