



2026 – 2028 Policy Standing Committees

PURPOSE

The American Academy of Nursing's (Academy) Policy Standing Committees advise the Board of Directors and work to advance key policy initiatives in collaboration with Academy Fellows, Expert Forums, Thought Leadership Collaboratives, and external partners to promote the vision of healthy lives for all people.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Standing Committees develop timely statements, federal requests for comments, consensus papers, as well as provide key insights that will support policymakers in the legislative process. Given the critical interplay and intersection between policy areas of expertise within the Academy, these Standing Committees will often work in tandem to yield the most comprehensive response.

COMMITTEE MAKEUP

Each Policy Standing Committee consists of 10 members nominated or self-nominated among Academy Fellows and appointed by the Board of Directors. To ensure that the focus of the Academy's mission is threaded throughout the four committees, a Fellow with expertise in health equity and bioethics will be appointed to each. The Board will select each committee's Chair and Vice Chair from among the committee's members.

LEVEL OF COMMITMENT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each Policy Standing Committee will meet virtually every other month with an in-person meeting held in conjunction with the Academy's annual Health Policy Conference. Members are expected to attend each meeting, with more than two (2) consecutive meetings missed a sufficient cause for removal. Workload will vary depending on federal policy developments. However, members can expect to spend an average of 3-5 hours per month on official Academy business. The Chair and Vice Chair can expect to spend 2-4 additional hours on leadership level functions for their respective committee. *Please see position descriptions below.*

COMMITMENT TO ACADEMY POLICIES

All Committee members must adhere to the [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Statement](#), the Academy's [Ethics Policy and Code of Conduct](#), [Principles of Engagement](#), and Conflict and Duality of Interest Policies. *All committee members must remain in good standing as a Fellow, as outlined in the Academy's Bylaws [Article III, Sec. 7].*

All committee members will complete a form acknowledging adherence to the aforementioned named policies and disclose any conflict or duality of interest for review.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Standing Committee on Lifespan and Populations

The Standing Committee on Lifespan and Populations will convene a cross-section of Fellows with expertise to address such issues as intergenerational equity, social support networks, chronic conditions, and life expectancy. The Academy seeks Fellows with expertise that includes but is not limited to aging; bioethics; breastfeeding; child, adolescent, and family; health equity; maternal and infant health; women's health; men's health; disabilities; LGBTQ+ health; caregiver/family; palliative care and end-of-life care; and veterans and military families.

Standing Committee on Determinants of Health

The Standing Committee on Determinants of Health will convene a cross-section of Fellows with expertise related to address such issues as economic stability, access to care, community living, and the built environment. The Academy seeks Fellows with expertise that include s but is not limited to psychiatric, mental health, and substance use; genomic and genomics care; health behavior; environmental, man-made, natural, planetary health; trauma and violence; primary care; palliative and end-of-life care; health equity; and bioethics.

Standing Committee on Learning Health Systems

The Standing Committee on Learning Health Systems will convene a cross-section of Fellows with expertise to address such issues as fragmented care, aligned incentives, payment models, regulation and innovation, models of care, and data governance. The Academy seeks Fellows with expertise that include but is not limited to industry operations; finance and economics; sociocultural factors; implementation science; digital infrastructure; informatics and technology; acute and critical care; quality health care; nursing theory-guided practice; military and veterans' health systems; primary care; health equity; and bioethics.

Standing Committee on Global and Public Health

The Standing Committee on Global and Public Health will convene a cross-section of Fellows with expertise to address such issues such as disease prevent and control; immunizations and vaccinations; disaster response and preparedness; food security; telehealth; and rural health. The Academy seeks Fellows with expertise that include but is not limited to epidemiology; emerging infectious diseases; global nursing and health; community health; trauma and violence; environmental health; mental health; rural health; disaster response; primary care; health equity; and bioethics.

Position Descriptions

Chair (4 total, 1 per Policy Standing Committee)

- Facilitate committee work
- Attend and preside over all meetings
- Facilitate meaningful discussion and develop consensus
- Assign tasks to committee members
- Resolve conflicts to members of the group

- Arrange for the committee to evaluate its work at the end of each fiscal year (or completion of task) to determine whether it accomplished its goals
- Maintain ongoing communication with committee members
- Meet quarterly with the Academy's Expert Forum Representatives
- Act in good faith and in the best interest of the Academy
- Maintain confidentiality in working with and advising the Board of Directors

Vice-Chair (4 total, 1 per Policy Standing Committee)

- Preside over the committee in the Chair's absence
- Assume special projects as requested by Chair
- Support the committee's productivity between meetings
- Act in good faith and in the best interest of the Academy
- Maintain confidentiality in working with and advising the Board of Directors

Committee Members (32 total, 8 per Policy Standing Committee)

- Review all relevant materials before committee meetings
- Attend all meetings and notify the Chair if unable to attend
- Take on responsibilities and commit to fulfilling them in a timely manner
- Act in good faith and in the best interest of the Academy
- Maintain confidentiality in working with and advising the Board of Directors