

2017-2019 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

ADVANCING THE NURSING PROFESSION AND PROMOTING A HEALTHY ARIZONA

The Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) is the premier statewide professional association of registered nurses and is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

Since 1919, the Arizona Nurses Association has been helping nurses navigate an increasingly complex healthcare environment. AzNA is the largest and most widely recognized professional nursing organization in Arizona, with members from all practice roles and settings.

For more information about AzNA, please visit AZnurse.org.

Health Principles

To enhance a culture of health that will enable the people of Arizona to live the healthiest lives possible, AzNA supports public policy that will:

- Increase access to affordable, quality health care and provide adequate funding for state healthcare programs;
- Assure access to healthy food, clean environments, safe neighborhoods, quality education, and affordable shelter;
- Allow nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training; and
- Assure the delivery of safe and competent nursing care services under the direction and supervision of a professional, registered nurse.

Professional Practice and Workforce Principles

To assure that all Arizona registered nurses have access to the resources necessary to provide quality patient care, AzNA supports public policy that will:

- Foster workplace environments that attract and retain nurses and engender professional satisfaction;
- Safeguard the ability of registered nurses to practice within the confines of the Nurse Practice Act and produce modifications in the Nurse Practice Act that promote and ensure public safety;
- Provide adequate funding for undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs;
- Provide for payment structures that accurately reflect the value of nursing practice; and
- Maintain the Arizona State Board of Nursing as an autonomous body to regulate the practice of nursing.