MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio League for Nursing advances excellence in nursing education in Ohio that prepares a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation’s health.

This 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda is adapted for the Ohio League for Nursing from the National League for Nursing NLN Public Policy Agenda 2021-2022*

EDUCATION

- Support policy initiatives that promote nursing education progression with the faculty required to educate the next generation of nurses who will care for diverse populations, and who will respond effectively to public health emergencies.
- Support the NLN and other nursing organizations in advocating for funding to expand nurse faculty education programs that enhance the development of a diverse faculty of educators and scholars.
- Support policy initiatives to establish a seamless infrastructure that promotes academic, professional, and technological progression.
- Advocate for regulatory and general policies for innovative solutions in nursing education and research while maintaining quality and safety standards.

ACCESS

- Support policies that promote accessible nursing education in rural and underserved areas.
- Support policies that promote the health and education of the public to meet the challenges of a diverse and ever-changing, market-driven health care environment.
- 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.

WORKFORCE

- Support the NLN and other nursing organizations in their advocacy for funding to increase the nursing and nurse educator workforce.
- Inform members and the public regarding policy initiatives for APRNs to practice at full scope.
- Support policy initiatives that promote data collection and analysis for nurse workforce planning and health care capacity building.
- Support the NLN and other nursing organizations in their advocacy for fair and equitable reimbursement consistent with the level of care provided by nurses.
- Support initiatives for nursing care that is dynamic and fluid across state boundaries to increase access to care while maintaining public protection.
- Support policies that prepare nurses to effectively respond to public health emergencies and to safeguard the nursing workforce, including adequate provision of personal protective equipment.

DIVERSITY

- Support initiatives that promote effective workforce planning that aims to recruit and retain a population of nurses and nurse educators who mirror the diversity of the state and those more vulnerable populations in terms of health care issues.
- Support policies that enrich and sustain culturally relevant nursing education that leads to interprofessional, evidence-based health care delivery and reduction in health disparities.
- Support policies and evidence-based strategies to foster and sustain inclusivity and civility in academic and health care environments.
- Support incorporation of National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in all education and practice settings.

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