

GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION



Support **HB 2980** by Rep. Donna Howard

SCHOOLS ARE STRUGGLING

One of the largest barriers to combating the shortage of nurses in Texas is a **lack of available clinical training sites** to train nurses. Currently, high demand means

- Institutions of higher education must turn away qualified applicants.
- Hospital facilities are forced to limit the number of available clinical slots in their facility.

MSN and PhD programs
are forced to turn away

18-20%
OF APPLICANTS.



NURSES NEED HANDS-ON TRAINING

Many nursing programs have incorporated simulation labs to supplement student clinical experiences, and the innovation in simulation labs shows promising results. But hands-on clinical education is still an integral component of undergraduate and graduate nursing education.

WHAT TEXAS NEEDS

House Bill 2980 creates an innovative grant program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to award funds for new ways to increase clinical spaces for graduate nurses.

By 2030, Texas will be

60,000
NURSES SHORT.



NLAC

Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition



The Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition (NLAC), the largest coalition of nursing groups in Texas, urges you to **VOTE YES on HB 2980.**

Texas Nurses Association
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Association of Operating Room Nurses of Greater Houston
Association of Operating Room Nurses – North Harris Montgomery County
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics & Neonatal Nurses
Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives
Houston Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
Houston Organization of Nurse Executives
Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Texas
Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Austin
Texas Association of Deans & Directors of Professional Nursing Programs
Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice
Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Texas Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses
Texas Emergency Nurses Association
Texas Nursing Students’ Association
Texas Organization of Associate Degree Nurses
Texas Organization of Baccalaureate & Graduate Nurse Educators
Texas Organization of Nurse Executives
Texas School Nurses Organization