


## NLN Public Policy and Advocacy Overview

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## Overview

This presentation will provide an overview of the 118th Congress and the work of the NLN Public Policy Committee to support NLN's 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda to advance nursing education by influencing our public officials and the nursing profession.



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**Purpose: Health Policy Issues for the 118th Congress & the Biden Administration**



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**Senate Committees of Jurisdiction**

**Senate Finance Committee** @SenFinance  
 • Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) @RonWyden  
 • Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-ID) @MikeCrapo

**Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee**  
 @GOPHELP & @HELPCmteDems  
 • Chairman Bernie Sander (I-VT) @SenSanders  
 • Ranking Member Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA) @SenBillCassidy

**Senate Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee**  
 • Chairwoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) @SenatorBaldwin  
 • Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) @SenCapito

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**House Committees of Jurisdiction**

**House Energy and Commerce Committee** @HouseCommerce  
 • Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) @cathvcmorris  
 • Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ) @FrankPallone

**House Ways and Means Committee** @WaysandMeansGOP  
 • Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO) @RepJasonSmith  
 • Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA) @RepRichardNeal

**House Education and the Workforce Committee** @EdWorkforceCmte  
 • Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC) @VirginiaFoxx  
 • Ranking Member Robert Scott (D-VA) @repbobbyscott

**House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee**  
 • Chairman Robert Aderholt (R-AL) @RobertAderholt  
 • Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) @rosadelauro

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## House Nursing Caucus

Co-Chairs:

Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)  
[@RepBonamici](#)



David Joyce (R-OH)  
[@RepDaveJoyce](#)



Vice Co-Chairs

Lauren Underwood (D-IL)  
[@RepUnderwood](#)



Jen Kiggans (R-VA)  
[@RepJenKiggans](#)



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## Senate Nursing Caucus

Co-Chairs:

Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
[@SenJeffMerkley](#)



Roger Wicker (R-MS)  
[@SenatorWicker](#)



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## Current Environment on Capitol Hill



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## Current Environment on Capitol Hill

Congress returned from August recess facing long list of unfinished business – government funding and expiring authorizations on defense, Farm Bill, aviation, and pandemic preparedness programs

### Fiscal 2024 Appropriations

- Fiscal Year 2023 ends tomorrow – but 2024 appropriations aren't done
- Stop-gap measure required to extend current funding for agencies and avoid an Oct. 1 government shutdown
- On overall fiscal 2024 spending, House and Senate are \$100 billion apart – difference of nearly \$14 billion for Dept. of Health and Human Services
  - House Republicans demand cutting spending back to fiscal 2022 levels, attaching conservative social policies

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## Current Environment on Capitol Hill

### Fiscal 2024 Appropriations

- Title VIII nursing education programs currently funded at \$300.47 million – \$20 million increase over fiscal 2022; National Institute of Nursing Research at \$197.69 million – \$16.8 million increase
- President's fiscal 2024 budget proposed \$49.5 million increase for Title VIII; level funding for NINR
- Senate appropriators proposed a \$2 million increase for Title VIII programs; level funding for NINR
- Details of House proposal aren't clear – but appropriators cut \$54 million from all health professions education (Titles III, VII and VIII)
- House and Senate face huge differences on NIH, CDC funding; policy riders on abortion, gender-affirming care

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## Current Environment on Capitol Hill

### Health Care Workforce

- Growing bipartisan awareness of workforce shortages – but lack of consensus on solutions.
- Authorizations for community health centers, National Health Service Corps face expiration
- House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee advanced reauthorization bills in May.
- Senate HELP Committee Chair Bernie Sanders proposed "Primary Care and Health Workforce Expansion Act"
  - \$2 billion to expand two-year nursing degree programs
  - \$1 billion program for nursing schools to increase teachers and class sizes
  - \$1 billion program to recruit and train direct care workers

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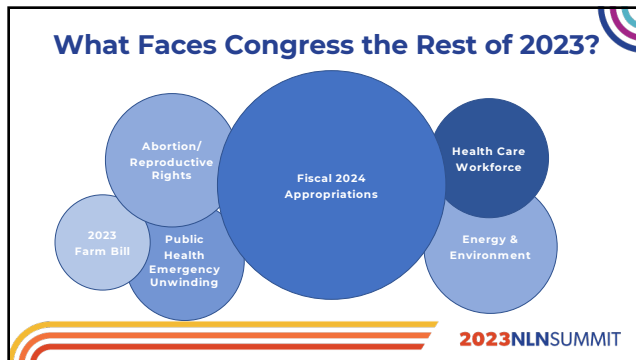
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### Funding Nursing Education

The NLN Public Policy Committee developed and presented a webinar in 2023 surrounding the issue of policy options for funding nursing education:

- *Advocacy to Action: Policy Options for Funding Nursing Education*

NLN Public Policy Committee Members Dr. Kimberly Cleveland, Dr. Carolyn Montoya, and Dr. Margie Sipe. Dr. Patrick DeLeon provided exemplars for this webinar on April 13, 2023.

The NLN Public Policy Committee has a follow-up webinar scheduled titled:

- *Increasing the Nursing Workforce: Removing the Barriers to Funding Nurse Education with the Power of Collaboration*

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 pm EDT

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### NLN Priorities

- Education
- Workforce
- Access
- Diversity and Inclusion

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## NLN 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda

### EDUCATION

- Support policies that promote nursing education progression with qualified faculty in numbers sufficient to educate an agile nurse workforce prepared to respond effectively to the health care needs of the nation and the global community.
- Advocate for funding to expand nurse faculty education programs that enhance the development of a diverse faculty of educators and scholars.
- Support funding of research initiatives that promote the scholarship of teaching and advance the science of nursing education.
- Support funding for policy initiatives to promote access to technological innovation in nursing education.
- Advocate for regulatory policies that allow for innovative approaches in nursing education while maintaining quality and safety standards.

### WORKFORCE

- Support funding to enhance access to nursing programs to increase the number of nurses and nurse educators in the workforce.
- Advocate for research funding that addresses the impact of social determinants of health on population health and health system outcomes.
- Advocate for APRNs to function to their full scope of practice.
- Pursue funding to support recruitment and education for a diverse APRN workforce.
- Support policy and research initiatives that promote data collection and analysis for nurse workforce planning.
- Support policies for fair and equitable reimbursement consistent with the level of care provided by nurses.
- Advocate for nursing licensure that is dynamic and fluid across state boundaries to increase access to care while maintaining public protection.
- Support policies that prepare nurses to effectively participate in disaster planning and respond to public health emergencies while safeguarding the nursing workforce.

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## NLN 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda

### ACCESS

- Promote access to equitable comprehensive health care for individuals, families, communities, and populations through the enhancement of services in all practice settings.
- 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.
- Advocate for public health, prevention, and health promotion policies.
- Support maximizing education funding for health care professionals who commit to practice in rural and underserved areas.
- Advocate for and promote policies related to climate change that impact the health and well-being of all individuals, families, communities, and populations.

### DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- Promote policies and funding to recruit and retain a population of nurses and nurse educators who mirror the diversity of the nation and marginalized populations.
- Advocate for policies that enrich and sustain culturally relevant nursing education that leads to interprofessional, evidence-based health care delivery that impact social determinants of health.
- Support policies that recognize the dynamic and diverse needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations within the nation and the global community.
- Promote policies and evidence-based strategies to foster and sustain inclusivity and belonging in academic and health care environments.
- Advocate for a shared agenda among regional nursing organizations to address social determinants of health to achieve health equity.

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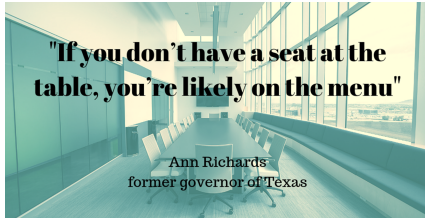
## NLN Legislative Priorities

Increase Funding for HRSA's Title VIII Nursing Programs in FY 2024	Remove Barriers to Patients' Access to Nursing Care	Invest in the Nation's Nursing Education Infrastructure
<b>REQUEST</b> Support No Less Than \$302.47 million for Title VIII Programs in Fiscal 2024	<b>REQUEST</b> Pass the "Improving Care and Access to Nurses (ICAN) Act" (H.R. 2713/S. 2418)	<b>REQUEST</b> Support the "Future Advancement of Academic Nursing (FAAN) Act"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The COVID-19 pandemic affirmed the importance of nurses in health care and put extreme mental and physical strain on the nursing workforce and students, schools of nursing and faculty.</li><li>To sustain and grow the nursing workforce, the NLN supports increasing FY 2024 funding for Title VIII nursing workforce development programs to no less than the \$302.47 million proposed by Senate appropriators.</li><li>The NLN urges Congress to support nursing research with no less than the \$197.69 million proposed by Senate appropriators for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The COVID public health emergency confirmed that nurses and advanced practice nurses provide safe and effective care consistent with their education and clinical preparation.</li><li>The ICAN Act would improve access to nursing care by removing outdated federal barriers that limit APRN practice authority in Medicare and Medicaid.</li><li>The bill would authorize APRNs to direct hospital and outpatient services, refer patients for medical nutrition therapy, order Medicare cardiac and pulmonary rehab services, certify therapeutic shoes for diabetic patients, and establish home infusion plans of care.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The FAAN Act would provide vital resources to schools of nursing to strengthen academic nursing infrastructure and invest in nursing schools, students, and faculty in all communities, including rural and underserved areas.</li><li>The bill would support student enrollment and retention, create nurse-led interprofessional education partnerships, hire and retain diverse faculty, modernize technology, and expand clinical education.</li><li>Upon its anticipated reintroduction, the NLN urges Congress to pass the FAAN Act this year.</li></ul>

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## NLN and Advocacy



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## Building Nursing's Power Through Advocacy

The NLN Public Policy Committee developed and presented two webinars in 2022 surrounding the issue of building nursing's power using advocacy:

- *Building Nursing's Power Through Advocacy*  
NLN Public Policy Committee Members Dr. Kimberly Cleveland and Dr. Courtney Pitts – February 3, 2022
- *Building Nursing's Power at the Policy Table*  
NLN Public Policy Committee Members Dr. Kimberly Cleveland and Dr. Courtney Pitts – April 14, 2022

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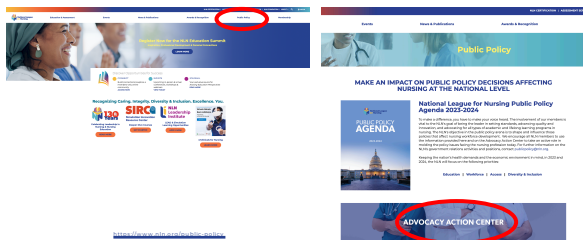
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## Learn More About Advocacy



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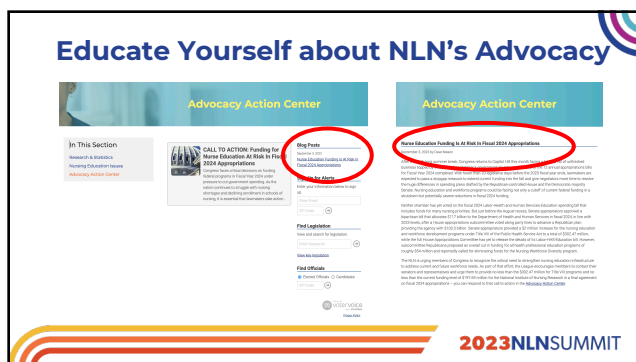
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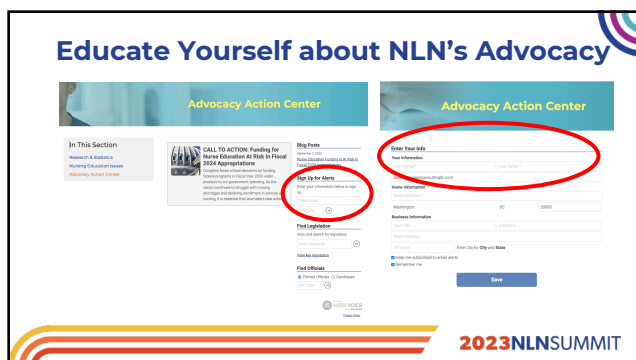
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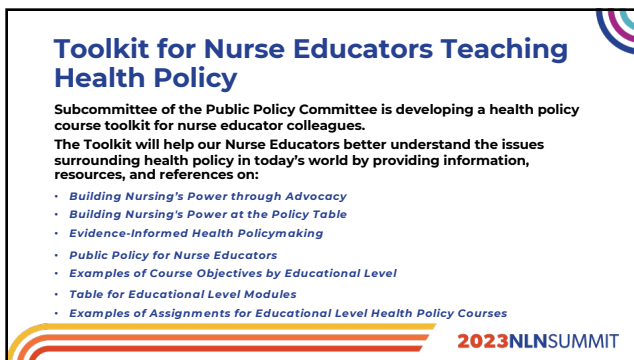
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