

FROM THE NNA PRESIDENT



THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE (LARC) works

tirelessly to advocate for Nebraska nurses and patients.

Meeting weekly, LARC reviews bills and determines NNA's response based on a member-approved Legislative Platform. The Four Pillars—Support Registered Nurses, Support Scope of Practice, Support the Future of Nursing, and Support Healthcare

Access—guide these decisions.

LARC also adheres to the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses (2025), using it as a framework for testimony. For example, Provision 1.4 affirms patients' right to self-determination, influencing our stance on healthcare legislation. Additionally, the American Nurses Association's position statements provide evidence-based guidance for advocacy.

NNA's advocacy is rooted in ethical obligations. Provision 9.1 states that nursing organizations must uphold dignity, equity, and human rights, while Provision 9.3 calls for

opposition to policies that undermine health and the common good. As one LARC member put it, "We carefully take a stance on what increases healthcare access vs. what hinders it."

While representing every nurse's viewpoint is impossible, LARC ensures NNA's advocacy is principled and patient-centered.

I welcome your thoughts at nnapresident@nebraskanurses.org.

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NNA Excited To Announce Planned NNA Health Policy Fellows

Program: The NNA Health Policy Fellows program offers an interactive, collaborative, and comprehensive experience for nurses to enhance skills in health policy, leadership, and advocacy. Health Policy Fellows will participate in the policy process at the state level to foster improvements in health equity,

health care, and health policy for Nebraskans. Over the course of 12-months (March -February), NNA Health Policy Fellows will engage in eight virtual and two in-person sessions. Fellows will work with a paired health policy mentor to review, critique, translate, and propose legislative reform through guided activities and independent

work. Activities will build toward a Capstone Project to be disseminated during the NNA Nurse's Day at the Legislature in February. 🔥

How do I apply? Look for additional information coming soon.

Applications will open October 1, 2025, and will remain open through December 15, 2025.

Nebraska School Nurses Association Update

THE NEBRASKA SCHOOL NURSES ASSOCIATION remains committed to supporting school nurses across the state by providing continuing education and networking opportunities. Our largest annual event, the Nebraska School Nurses Association Conference, will take place on June 2–3, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska. We invite school nurses from across the state to engage with expert speakers on critical school health topics while also learning

from one another.

To better serve both rural and urban school nurses, we are adding a new position to our Board of Directors: the Rural Representative. This role will serve as a liaison between the Association and school nurses in rural districts, ensuring we understand their unique challenges and can tailor educational opportunities to meet their needs.

Additionally, the Nebraska School Nurses Association is

actively monitoring legislative developments that may impact our practice. Key bills include LB195, which grants immunity to individuals administering naloxone in life-saving situations, and LB457, which expands anaphylaxis policies in schools and licensed child-care programs. We will continue tracking these bills and adjust our practices accordingly. 🔥