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# It's About Washington's Health.

The state of Washington will not have enough educated, experienced nurses to care for our population unless we act.

**The crisis is here, now.**

**A frightening prospect?**

**Yes, but help is on the way.**

In the face of alarming evidence that nurses are retiring and that we are not recruiting, educating, or retaining enough to replace them, along with workplace issues that challenge nurses, Washington's nursing leaders took action.

The Washington Center for Nursing was created by nurses to address solutions to this looming public health crisis.

Washington values nursing as a key catalyst for our continued growth, prosperity, and well-being.

With your help, the WCN will ensure the continuity and growth of nursing as a key industry.

## WCN GOALS

**Image:** Promote nursing as a rewarding career that makes an important difference in people's lives. Reach out to all segments of our population to enrich our workforce's diversity.

**Data:** Develop and manage data about the nursing workforce, conduct research and disseminate findings to nurses, employers, educators, legislators, economic development organizations and others who use data in decision-making that affects healthcare.

**Practice:** Identify and disseminate information on "Best Practices" in nursing recruitment and retention in all settings where nurses work in Washington.

**Education:** Improve access to nursing education at all levels and increase nursing faculty. Promote nursing education as a desirable career option for nurses. Ensure implementation of a Master Plan for Nursing Education in Washington state.

**Collaborate:** In all of these efforts, collaborate with others in workforce development, education, and practice within Washington and across the U.S.

**Mission:** To contribute to the health and wellness of Washington State residents by ensuring that there is an adequate nursing workforce to meet the current and future healthcare needs of its population.



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