

# It's About Washington's Health

We are led by a Board of Directors of nurses from across the state. Those seats include:

**Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner**  
One ARNP member

**At-Large RNs**  
Two RN members

**Ethnic Nursing Organization**  
One RN member

**Council on Nursing Education in Washington State**  
Two RN members, one from a university and one from a community/technical college nursing program

**Immediate Past President**  
One member

**Licensed Practical Nurse**  
One LPN member

**Northwest Organization of Nurse Executives**  
Two RN members

**Public Health Nurse**  
One RN member

**SEIU 1199 NW**  
Two RN members, one being a staff nurse

**UFCW Local 21**  
Two RN members, one being a staff nurse

**Washington State Nurses Association**  
Two RN members, one being a staff nurse

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Washington will not have enough nurses with experience and advanced education to care for our population unless we act.

**The crisis is here, now.**

**A frightening prospect? Yes, but help is on the way.**



More people in Washington State now have access to health insurance for the first time as the result of the new healthcare law.

Chronic diseases are on the rise, and our population is growing older and more diverse; we need a more robust nursing workforce to meet the demand for care. In the face of alarming evidence that nurses are retiring and that we are not recruiting, educating, or retaining enough to replace them, Washington's nursing leaders are taking action.

Since 2003, the Washington Center for Nursing has been leading work to find solutions to this growing public health crisis that affects us all.

Nursing is a critical element for our state's continued growth, prosperity, and well-being. With your help, we can ensure that nurses are there when we need them.

**Did you know? Every nurse licensed in Washington State pays a \$5 surcharge on their license to WCN.**

**Your funds accomplish the following:**

- **Nursing workforce data:** Maintaining information on the current and projected supply and demand of nurses through the collection and analysis of data regarding the nursing workforce. Providing consultation, technical assistance, data, and information related to WA state and national nursing resources.
- **Active community collaboration:** Facilitating partnerships with the nursing community and other health care providers, licensing authority, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to achieve policy consensus, promote diversity within the profession, and enhance nursing career mobility and nursing leadership development
- **Promoting diversity** within the profession
- **Promoting nursing leadership:** Enhancing nursing career mobility and nursing leadership development for nurses in education and interdisciplinary collaboration
- **Advancing nursing education:** Evaluating effectiveness of nursing education and articulation
- **Promoting nursing as a profession:** Educating the public including students in K-12.

## Our Vision

Transforming communities in Washington State through increased access to quality nursing care.

## Our Mission

The Washington Center for Nursing supports a healthier Washington by engaging nurses' expertise, influence, and perspective and by building a diverse, highly qualified nurse workforce to meet future demands.



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