



Washington State Board of Nursing

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Nurse Delegation

WABON Request Legislation

Amend RCW 18.79.260 to improve clarity and flexibility, reduce barriers to access, and eliminate regulatory inconsistency.

Mental Health Support for Healthcare Providers

Expand access to mental health services for healthcare workers by funding wellness programs, reducing stigma, and creating confidential, on-demand support.

Advanced Practice Reimbursement Parity

Support insurance reimbursement for ARNPs and physician assistants at the same rate as physicians.

Workforce Retention

- Promote nurse wellness programs
- Invest in expanding and maintaining access to substance use treatment programs
- Prevent healthcare workplace violence
- Subsidize nursing faculty salaries to reduce disparities across the industry, stabilize, retain, and recruit diverse nursing faculty

Continue to Build the Nursing Workforce

- Build new pipelines of entry to nursing
- Reduce barriers to nursing education and careers
- Identify and test new models of care delivery
- Align academia and practice to support new nurse transition
- Advance diversity of the nursing workforce and nursing faculty

WHO WE ARE

