

2020 legislative priorities

WSNA is the leading voice and advocate for the professional interests of registered nurses who live and work in Washington state.

BUDGET PRIORITIES



School Nurse Corps funding

Improve the health and safety of K-12 students across Washington by funding OSPI's request for an additional \$2.75 million for the School Nurse Corps which funds nurses in Class II (small, rural) school districts.



Nursing education funding

Increase funding for four-year university nursing faculty salaries to recruit and retain well-qualified educators. Provide scholarship and loan repayment funding that allows financial stability while giving underserved communities additional providers. Increase training opportunities for sexual assault nurse examiners.

POLICY PRIORITIES



Sexual assault nurse examiners

Increase access to training, improve reimbursement and call payments, and create uniformity around the state to ensure victims receive the care they deserve.



ARNP reimbursement parity

Require health plans to reimburse ARNPs at the same rate as physicians when the same service is provided, aligning with the practice of Washington State Medicaid and the Department of Labor & Industries.



Health system financial transparency

Require increased transparency of health system financial reporting, including disaggregation of data.