



2026 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), consisting of 65 national nursing organizations, remains committed to improving the health and health care of our nation, promoting wellness, advancing research through scientific discovery, and providing timely access to care across the continuum. This fiscal year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) summary provides a snapshot of the work of the coalition, as well as the NCC's engagement, accomplishments, and progress over the past fiscal year.

JULY 2025-JUNE 2026

FISCAL YEAR IN-REVIEW

- ✓ **ADVOCATED FOR NURSING AS A PROFESSIONAL DEGREE, INCLUDING THROUGH FEDERAL COMMENTS, POLICYMAKING, AND LEGISLATION.**
- ✓ **SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED CUTS OF TITLE VIII PROGRAMS AND NINR AND RETAINED TOP LINE FUNDING IN FY 2026.**
- ✓ **OPPOSED FEDERAL GRANT CANCELLATIONS FOR KEY TITLE VIII PROGRAMS.**
- ✓ **HOSTED CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS, RECEPTIONS, WEBINARS, AND MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION LEADERSHIP.**
- ✓ **66 AVERAGE NUMBER OF NCC MEETING PARTICIPANTS.**
- ✓ **WELCOMED THE 65TH MEMBER OF THE COALITION.**

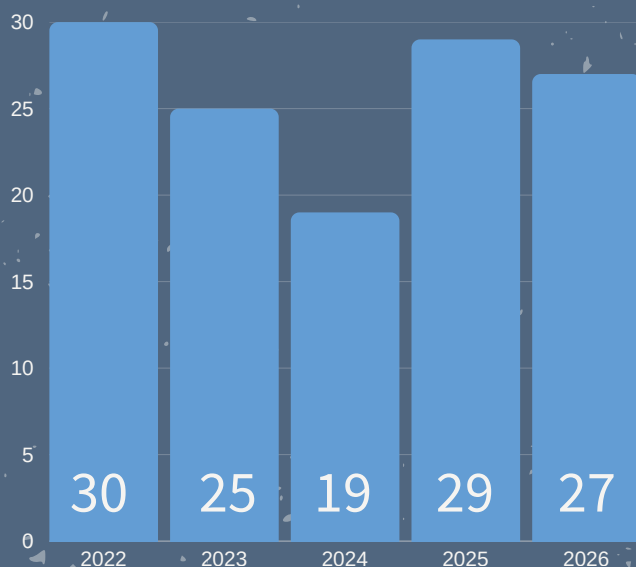
NCC MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

REFLECTING ON THE PAST FISCAL YEAR

NCC MEMBERSHIP

With 65 members, the NCC membership continues to represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. Together, we provide a voice to address challenges to

LETTERS, STATEMENTS & TESTIMONY



Since July 2025, we have witnessed one of the longest government shutdowns in history, unprecedented conversations around nursing as a professional degree, grant cancellations, and proposed elimination of foundational federal programs. The NCC has responded with a strong unified voice urging federal policymakers and agencies to preserve and enhance these vital nursing education, practice, and research programs, and ensure that nursing have access to higher student loan limits. In addition, the NCC has engaged on a number of bipartisan, bicameral bills, which can be reflected in the NCC letters, statements, and testimony over the past fiscal year.

SHARED PRIORITIES

- Support for Bipartisan Bills, including:
 - Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1874/H.R.3593)
 - Nursing is a Professional Degree Act (S.4568/H.R.8691)
 - Congressional Review Act Joint Resolution (H.J.Res.189/S.J.Res.196)
 - Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (H.R. 3170/S.3296)
 - Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction Act (S.3707/H.R.7279)
 - Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act (S.575/H.R.1317)
 - States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment (SHARE) Act (S.1101/H.R.2332)
 - The Future Advancement of Academic Nursing (FAAN) Act (H.R.6607/S.3435)
- Comment letters on the Department of Education's formation of the RISE Committee, Committee Conversations, and Public Comment Period in favor of Nursing as a Professional Degree.
- FY 2026 & FY 2027 Appropriations: Sustained and Elevated funding for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and NINR. Including the 102 bipartisan Representatives in favor of \$610 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs.
- Communicating to all members of Congress 13 bills, a majority of which were bipartisan and bicameral bills, appropriations, and other legislative shared priorities.



ENGAGEMENT | IMPACT | RESULTS

Supporting our Current & Future Nursing Workforce

Throughout this fiscal year, NCC member organizations continued to meet virtually and in-person for monthly meetings as well as meetings and events on Capitol Hill. On May 8, the NCC hosted the annual "Thank a Nurse" Reception. We were also joined by congressional staff, nurses, and nurse advocates. In addition, the NCC welcomed the 119th Congress and the incoming Administration highlighting our core principles and priorities as we advance nursing education, workforce, and research. In the year to come, the NCC remain steadfast in our commitment to support the current and future nursing workforce.

NCC CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

The NCC held a Congressional briefing on the top three ways to support nursing education, the workforce, and research. We were honored to be joined by a panel of expert speakers as well as by House Nursing Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01), who highlighted the importance of robust investments in our current and future nurses, nurse researchers, and nurse faculty. We were also joined by congressional staff and nurse advocates.



NCC ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND “THANK A NURSE” RECEPTION

MAY 12, 2026

The NCC held an Advocacy Day and “Thank a Nurse” Reception on Capitol Hill. More than 40 NCC members from across the country joined together to celebrate the final day of National Nurses Week and support ongoing NCC policy priorities. At the Reception, House Nursing Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01) delivered remarks honoring our nation’s current and future nursing workforce and emphasizing the importance of nursing faculty and nursing as a professional degree.





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