



Congress Restores Funding for Nursing Education, Workforce, and Research Programs

February 6, 2026 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend Congress for passing their bipartisan fiscal year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill, that restored funding to critical federal nursing programs. Signed into law earlier this week, H.R. 7148 [Public Law No: 119-75] provides level top-line funding of \$305.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).

While H.R. 7148 does put forward slight changes in the levels of funding for some individual Title VIII programs, the retention of all Title VIII programs, along with level top-line funding for both Title VIII and NINR, signifies a critical step in supporting our current and future nursing workforce. This bipartisan agreement also underscores the incredible advocacy of those within the nursing community to fight for funding for these programs, particularly after proposed elimination. These collective actions helped showcase the value and impact these federal programs have in communities across the country, particularly in our rural areas.

The NCC sincerely thanks Congressional Leadership, Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and our Congressional Nursing Caucuses for recognizing and providing crucial federal resources for the nursing profession. The NCC looks forward to continuing our essential work supporting nursing education, workforce, and research initiatives in FY 2027 and beyond.

For more detailed funding numbers for priority programs, please see [NCC's FY 2026 Appropriations funding chart](#).

The [Nursing Community Coalition](#) includes 65 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, boards of nursing, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.