



For over fifteen years, the Nursing Community Coalition has been a partnership of national professional nursing associations that builds consensus and advocates on a wide spectrum of healthcare issues. Collectively, the Nursing Community is comprised of 64 national nursing organizations that represent the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. With over four million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students, the profession embodies the drive and passion to continually improve care for patients, families, and communities across the continuum.

The Nursing Community Coalition supports the following core principles:

- A robust and diverse nursing workforce is essential to the health of all Americans.
- Nurses are an integral part of the healthcare team, are involved in every aspect of care delivery, and are committed to the patient, their families, the community, and the nation.
- The contributions made by the practice and science of nursing are critical to the delivery of high quality, life-saving, preventive, and palliative health care across all care settings, geographic areas, and social determinants of health.
- The services RNs and APRNs provide are linked directly to the availability, cost, and quality of healthcare services.
- Affordable, accessible, high-quality health care and improved health outcomes depend upon a model of care that is patient-centered and comprehensive. This can only be achieved through the full complement of expertise gained from broad-based, interprofessional partnerships of physicians, nurses and other health professionals.
- Nursing's involvement is essential to the development of new healthcare information technology infrastructure. Nursing data are key to identifying patient outcomes and required improvements in the delivery of patient care.

To review the efforts of the Nursing Community Coalition, visit: http://www.thenursingcommunity.org