



*Advancing the nursing profession and promoting a healthy Arizona*

The Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) is the premier statewide professional association of registered nurses and is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

Since 1919, the Arizona Nurses Association has been helping nurses navigate an increasingly complex healthcare environment. AzNA is the largest and most widely recognized professional nursing organization in Arizona, with members from all practice roles and settings.

For more information about AzNA, please visit [AZnurse.org](http://AZnurse.org).

### **Health Care Principles**

*To ensure that all Arizonans have access to quality healthcare services that provide effective patient outcomes, AzNA supports governmental action to:*

- Increase access to affordable, quality health care and provide adequate funding for state healthcare programs;
- Allow nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training; and
- Assure the delivery of safe and competent nursing care services under the direction and supervision of a professional, registered nurse.

### **Professional Practice and Workforce Principles**

*To ensure that all Arizona registered nurses have access to the resources necessary to provide quality patient care, AzNA supports governmental action to:*

- Foster workplace environments that attract and retain nurses and engender professional satisfaction;
- Safeguard the ability of registered nurses to practice within the confines of the Nurse Practice Act and produce modifications in the Nurse Practice Act that promote and ensure public safety;
- Support adequate funding for undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs;
- Advocate for payment structures that accurately reflect the value of nursing practice; and
- Maintain the Arizona State Board of Nursing as an independent, autonomous body to regulate the practice of nursing.

### **Priority Legislation:**

This area will be updated during the Legislative Session.

