

Care Can't Wait

Invest in the Nation's Nursing Workforce



THE PROBLEM

Nursing shortages across the country lead to insufficient healthcare for Americans.

THE SOLUTION

Congress needs to make crucial investments today to ensure we have the nursing workforce we need tomorrow.

- ✓ **Fund \$530 million for Title VIII Nursing Programs in Fiscal Year 2026 and pass the PRECEPT Nurses Act.**
- ✓ **Support the reauthorization of Title VIII Programs**



Nurses, including certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), are the backbone of the healthcare system, but investments in nursing students, faculty, and programs are chronically underfunded. With a workforce shortage, and over 65,000 qualified applications being turned away from nursing programs, Congress must invest in nursing now, so we have the workforce we need later.

Title VIII is the ONLY funding source solely dedicated to nursing education and workforce.

In FY24, Title VIII programs received only \$305M in funding. We urge Congress to invest in this critical pipeline for future nurses to ensure access to the nation's most trusted healthcare provider.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, the Advanced Nursing Education program helped over 8,000 students, including over 1,300 CRNAs, the majority of whom go on to work in rural and underserved areas.

Collectively, Title VIII programs help thousands of students and faculty at hundreds of programs across the country. When compared to funding for Graduate Medical Education, nursing workforce programs receive only a small portion and are chronically underfunded.

Support S. 131/ H.R. 392 the PRECEPT Nurses Act

This bipartisan legislation would help to increase the number of nurse preceptors, who are critical to nursing education. Currently, there is a significant shortage of nurse preceptors, which hampers the ability of nursing students and programs to maintain a robust pipeline. The PRECEPT Nurses Act would provide for a \$2,000 a year tax credit for those who serve as clinical preceptors to nursing students.

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