2016 FNA Legislative Platform

Protect and enhance the ability of Registered Nurses (RNs), Clinical Nurse Specialists and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) to practice to the full extent of their education and experience.

- Support legislation that allows all nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training.
- Support legislation that removes unnecessary nurse practitioner collaborative practice agreements and removes physician-nurse practitioner supervisory language from the nurse practice act.
- Pursue opportunities to ensure that telehealth legislation is inclusive of all appropriate health professionals.

Support efforts to protect the rights, jobs, wages, pensions, health care coverage, and other benefits of our state-employed health care professionals.

Support safe practice environments for all nurses and our patients.

- Ensure that any legislation that requires the certification of surgical technologists also protect the supervisory role of the circulating registered nurse.
- Pursue legislation that requires hospitals to utilize collaborative councils that will determine safe staffing plans on each hospital unit.

Protect and promote health-related initiatives that protect the health of Florida's residents.

- Support legislation that allows Florida to accept federal funding to make healthcare available to more Floridians.
- Support the creation of a sustained funding source for statewide controlled substances prescription monitoring database.
- Support legislative efforts that strengthen the public health system, improve access to care or promote healthy lifestyles.
- Support legislation that helps to create a patient-centered model of healthcare delivery.

Promote legislation, policies and strategies that help to meet the Florida's nurse workforce needs.

- Support efforts to attract and retain more nurses into nursing education.
- Support efforts that encourage nurses to advance their academic education.
- Support the development or expansion of job training programs.
- Promote programs that support improved transition to practice for new graduates and transition in practice for experienced nurses.

Preserve efforts to research and inform employers, the public, and policymakers about the nursing workforce needs of our state by maintaining funding for the Florida Center for Nursing.

Support research efforts investigating the benefits and hazards relating to medicinal marijuana.