

Climate Change Affects Human and Planetary Health



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EDUCATE

members on how climate change contributes to health harms and the solutions available.



PARTNER

with health, environmental, and community-based organizations to promote climate health.



COLLABORATE

with grassroots organizations conducting environmental and eco-justice assessments.



SEVEN Actions Nurses Associations Can Take

AMPLIFY nurses' ability to influence climate and planetary health policies.



ADVOCATE

for environmental health and justice in members' communities and specialty areas.



SHARE environmental justice frameworks.*



SUPPORT

policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Promote climate-resilient communities and health care, and protect against climate threats.



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ACKNOWLEDGE AND INTEGRATE

traditional ways of knowledge on planet-friendly living.



EDUCATE

nurses, patients, and the public about how climate change impacts health and how to reduce harm.

COLLABORATE

with healthcare institutions, health departments, communities, and government in mitigation and adaptation efforts.



MODEL AND PROMOTE

strategies to reduce and respond to the impacts of climate change.*

ENHANCE knowledge of the political system and engage with the public process.



EIGHT Actions Nurses Can Do Now



JOIN sustainability initiatives at healthcare institutions, such as “green teams.”

PARTICIPATE in local and national planetary health and justice discussions.



ADVOCATE

- ▶ A robust public health infrastructure and nursing workforce to care for those impacted by climate change.
- ▶ Emission-reducing initiatives and policies within healthcare.
- ▶ Policies for just and equitable planetary health solutions.

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