

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

ANA requests that Congress continues funding nursing education, the nursing workforce, and research in Fiscal Year 2026 by supporting at least **\$530 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs** and at least **\$210 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in FY2026**. ANA also requests that Congress **pass H.R. 3593 / S. 1874 to reauthorize Title VIII programs through FY30**.

Despite comprising the largest sector of the healthcare workforce at over 5 million, demand for nurses only continues to rise. Federal support for nursing workforce development stands at **\$305.472 million** in discretionary spending and zero mandatory spending, as compared to **\$17.8 billion** in mandatory spending for graduate medical education.

Administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.]) represent the only dedicated federal programs addressing all aspects of nursing workforce development, including education, practice, and retention. Nurses comprise the largest sector of the healthcare workforce, and commensurate demand underscores how it is essential that investments continue to be made in the education and training of the profession, especially as nurses remain key to providing high-quality care in communities across the country.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs were last reauthorized in March 2020. Reauthorization of and appropriations for these programs ensures that nursing pathways remain strong and patients across the country can continue to have access to high-quality nursing care. It is also essential that Congress fund NINR, which has funded groundbreaking research, including palliative and end-of-life care, elevating nursing science within the National Institutes of Health, training the next generation of nurse scientists, and championing person-centered care.

Facts at a Glance

In FY 2024, Title VIII programs received \$305.472 million, which supported over 24,000 nurses, nursing students, and grantees.

- **24,461** nurses supported, of which **8,017** were Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Since **1964**, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs have supported nursing education.

- In **1998**, Title VIII was expanded to include advanced nursing education.
- In **2002**, Congress authorized a loan repayment program for nurses in public service.
- Last reauthorized in **2020** as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Title VIII has consistently received bipartisan support, with members in both parties working to reduce the nursing shortage through education.

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