



AONE's Request: Fund Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs at \$244 million in FY 2016 and \$150 million for the National Institute for Nursing Research.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) advocates for funding Nursing Workforce Development programs authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.). These programs support the supply and distribution of qualified nurses to meet our nation's increasing health care needs.

The Department of Health and Human Services estimates by 2020, the United States will need 2.8 million nurses. This is 1 million more than the projected supply of nurses. In addition to the nursing shortage, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects severe shortages for many allied health professions. Hospitals must maintain a vibrant workforce in the educational pipeline to meet the increasing demand for patient care. Title VIII programs address all aspects of nursing shortages from education and practice, to retention and recruitment.

- *Providing Care in Underserved Areas*

Title VIII funding expands educational funding for nursing education to prepare registered nurses (RNs) to provide care for America's most vulnerable populations. These programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the federal agency charged with improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA awards funding to educational programs that prepare nurses to practice in rural and medically underserved communities.

- *Demand for Faculty*

Title VIII also recognizes the importance of faculty when seeking ways to tackle our nation's nursing shortage. In 2013, nursing schools were forced to turn away 78,089 qualified applications from baccalaureate and graduate programs. The top reasons cited: a lack of nursing faculty, a lack of clinical training sites and budget cuts. Title VIII programs help to increase the number of nursing faculty so schools can accept more students.

Investing in Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs is critical to strengthening the number of highly educated nurses to care for all Americans.

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National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR)

AONE also advocates for nursing research. As one of the 27 institutes and centers at the National Institutes of Health, NINR funds research that lays the groundwork for evidence-based nursing practice. NINR examines ways to improve care models to deliver safe, quality and cost-effective health services to the nation.

Our country must look toward the prevention aspect of health care as the vehicle for saving our system from further financial burden. The work of NINR embraces this endeavor through research related to care management of patients during illness and recovery, reduction of risks for disease and disability, promotion of healthy lifestyles, enhancement of quality of life for those with chronic illness, and care for individuals at the end of life. NINR addresses these challenges through its Strategic Plan, which includes the following key themes:

- Symptom science to improve personalized health strategies for individuals living with chronic illness and pain;
- Wellness to promote health and prevent illness across health conditions, settings, the lifespan, and in minority and underserved populations;
- Patient self-management to improve quality of life while reducing the burden for caregivers and the health care system; and
- End-of-life and palliative care science to improve symptom management, coordination, and informed decision-making for patients, families, and healthcare professionals.

The NINR supports nursing-directed research to find cost-effective, patient-centered solutions to complex issues affecting patients and their providers.

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The American Organization of Nurse Executives is the leading voice of nursing leadership in health care. If you have questions regarding AONE's advocacy efforts, please contact Jo Ann Webb, senior director of federal relations and policy, at 202-626-2321 or jwebb@aha.org.