

Nursing Legislative Resources

American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants

<http://www.aalnc.org>

The AALNC promotes the professional advancement of registered nurses consulting within the legal arena by providing a forum for education and exchange of information.

American Nurses Association Legislative Resources

<http://www.nursingworld.org/gova/federal/gfederal.htm>

Resources Available:

Capitol Update

Congressional Testimony

Legislative Activities

News/Action Alerts

Political Action/Grassroots Activity Political

Action Committee

National League for Nursing Legislative Resources

<http://www.nln.org/>

Resources Available:

How to Reach Elected Officials

Issues and Legislation Effecting the Nursing Profession Elections and

Candidate Information

Links to Media Contacts

National Student Nurses Association Legislative Resources

<http://www.nsnleadershipu.org/>

<http://www.nсна.org/pubs/index.html>

Resources Available:

Getting the Pieces to Fit NSNA Handbook for school and state associations

Awards and Honors Booklet

NSNA Resolutions and Policies

Resolutions adopted by the Most Recent House of Delegates Code of Academic and

Clinical Conduct

Code of Professional Conduct

Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for Nursing Students Guidelines

Booklets for Planning NSNA Activities Policy and Bylaws

Legislative Activities

Resolution Handbook (How to Write a Resolution)

Professional Nursing Organization Resource Lists

Nursing Organizations Web Addresses

<http://www.nсна.org/resources/weblinks/associate.html>

Student Nursing State Associations Web Addresses

<http://nsna.org/resources/weblinks/chapters.html>

State Nurses Associations Web Addresses

<http://www.nursinciworld.org/snaweb.htm>

Government Resources

Bureau of Health Professionals

<http://www.bho.hrsa.gov/>

Resources Available:

Nursing

Public Health

Financial Resources: Grants, Student Assistance, and Health Service Corps **Bureau of Labor**

Statistics: Occupation Outlook Handbook: Registered Nurse

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>

This site provides information on the work registered nurses perform, current working conditions, training and other required job qualifications, advancement opportunities, job outlook, job earning, and information about related occupations.

Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Formerly: *Health Care*

Financing Administration <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>

Resources Available: Medicare

Medicaid

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Consumer Product Safety Commission

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

Department of Commerce

<http://www.doc.gov/>

Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.dhhs.gov/>

Resources Available:

Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (OS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Administration on Aging (AOA) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Indian Health Service (IHS) National Institutes of Health (NIH), Program Support Center (PSC), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Department of Justice

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

Division of Student Assistance—Nursing

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/pages/nu.htm>

This site provides information on scholarships for disadvantaged students, nursing student loans and faculty loan repayment programs.

Electoral College

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/votes-index.html>

Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

Food and Drug Administration

<http://www.fda.gov/>

National Transportation Safety Board

<http://ntsb.gov/>

Social Security Administration

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

THOMAS - Legislative Information on the Internet (U.S. Congress)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

US House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

US Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

This site provides current information on the President, Vice President, and their spouses. Its focus is to provide information on current presidential news and policy focuses.

Political Organization Resource List

All American League of Lobbyists

<http://www.alldc.org/>

The American League of Lobbyists is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the advancement of the lobbying profession.

Democratic National Committee <http://www.democrats.org/index.html> League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org/>

National Women's Political Caucus

<http://www.nwpc.org/>

The purpose of the National Women's Political Caucus is to increase women's participation in the

political process and to identify, recruit, train and support prochoice women for election and appointment to public office.

Republican National Committee

<http://www.rnc.org/>

Other Helpful Organizations

American Society of Association Executives

<http://www.asaenet.org/main/>

ASAE is considered the advocate for the nonprofit sector. The society is dedicated to advancing the value of voluntary associations to society and supporting the professionalism of the individuals who lead them.

US Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.uschamber.org/>

Voter Registration Information

Insure Democracy

<http://www.insuredemocracv.com/>

This site provides voter registration information.

Helpful Search Engines for Legislative Information

FirstGov

<http://www.firstciiov.gov/>

This is the official United States Government search engine that allows you to search more than 51 million international, national, state, and local government web pages.

Google

<http://www.cioogle.com/>

The Student Nurse Information Center

<http://www.nurse-center.com/studentnurse/>

This site is dedicated to providing nursing students with some helpful information and links to other resources on the Internet.

Recommended Readings

Aiken, Tonia D. (1994). *Legal, ethical and political issues in nursing*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis

Barry, Jan. (2000). *A Citizen's Guide to Grassroots Campaigns*. New York: Rutgers University Press.

Boykin, Anne. (1995). *Power, Politics, and Public Policy - A Matter of Caring*. National League for Nursing.

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DeLaney, Ann. (2002). *Politics For Dummies*. 2nd Edition. New York: Hungry Minds.

Guyer, Robert L., Guyer, Laura K. and Hoffmann, Michael H. (2000). *Guide to State Legislative Lobbying*. Washington: Engineering THE LAW, Inc.

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Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives for the 107th Congress. (2001). Washington, DC: American Nurses Association.

Lewis, J.A. (1999). Politics, policy making and nursing. In Berger, K.J., & Williams, M. Collaborating for Optimal Health: The Fundamentals of Nursing, 2nd Ed. E. Norwalk, CT, Appleton & Lange, 49-67.

Mason, Diana J., Talbott, Susan W. and Leavitt, Judith K. (2002). *Policy and Politics for Nurses: Action and Change in the Workplace, Government, Organizations, and Community*. 4th Edition. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company.

Nicoll, Leslie H. (2001). *Nurses' Guide to the Internet*. 3rd Edition. Philadelphia: Lippincott.

Policy, politics & nursing practice, A Nursing Periodical, published quarterly by Sage Publications, Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA.

Positioned for power: obtaining government appointments for nurses. (1993). Washington, DC: American Nurses Association.

RoAne, S. (2000). How to work a room. [Audio recording]. Audio Renaissance.

Wittenberg, Ernest and Wittenberg, Elisabeth. (1990). *How to Win in Washington: Very Practical Advice about Lobbying, the Grassroots, and the Media*. New York: Blackwell Publishers

"*The Power of Nursing*," (videotape) examines the concept of power and how nurses are uniquely positioned to influence health policy. Available for rent or purchase from the National League for Nursing.

"*A Case Study in Shaping Health Policy - The National Center for Nursing Research*," is an award-winning classic on how the legislative process works, and how nursing promoted a bill to establish the National Center for Nursing Research. Available for rent or purchase from the National League for Nursing.

Washington Information Directory, Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1414 22nd St. NW, Washington, DC., 20037

Several state and federal government relations pamphlets are available from the League of Women Voters of the United States. Request their publication list.

Check your school and public libraries for useful resources, you would be surprised what a "nursing and politics" or "nursing and legislation" search will find!