

West Virginia Nurses Association

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Would you like to learn what legislation is all about and mentor new nurses, student nurses while doing this?

Don't Be Left Behind.

Join your professional nursing peers in moving [Health Care Reform](#) forward.... Be a [Nurse Legislative Leader](#) and join the [Nurse Legislative Leader Congress](#) for the 2012 Legislative Session.

WVNA is preparing for the upcoming legislative session and your participation is critical for the success of our profession and patients. What is a legislative leader? A legislative leader plays an integral role to pass legislation by representing the voice of nursing. You will work alongside your peers to ensure the Future of Nursing in West Virginia.. No previous experience is required...just a minimal time commitment.

Requirements:

- **A minimum of WVNA State membership**
- **Member of the Legislative Leader Congress**
- **Attendance at one of two Educational Sessions: Sunday, Jan 20th at 5:30pm at the University of Charleston [or January 21 in Morgantown \(TBA\)](#)**
- **Attendance at Unity Day: February 15, 2012**
- **A willingness to initiate phone calls to legislators during critical periods of the session to move our agenda forward.**
- **An interest in moving the profession of nursing forward in WV and to ensure the place of the profession of nursing in the new Health Care Reform Agenda.**

WVNA is offering two educational sessions to interested nursing professionals to ensure your knowledge of the current issues on the table. You will be provided a review of how a bill becomes a law, WVNA's Health Policy & Legislative statement 2011-2012, The Consensus Model for APRNs and our strategies for removal of collaborative agreement, reduction of prescriptive barriers, implementation of the Consensus Model in West Virginia, and Nurse Impairment Legislation. In addition, you will also be provided an update on how the Federal Trade Commission can support us in Restriction of Trade Issues with the Board of Medicine. Finally, you will receive CE credit for these

educational sessions for a nominal fee of \$10.00 that will be utilized to pay for our lobbyist.

Benefits:

- **Up to date information regarding the legislative agenda and movement of nursing legislation.**
- **Free Attendance/CE at Unity Day in exchange for your mentoring assistance of student nurses during this event.**
- **UNITY DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Janet Haebler, Chair, Federal Government Affairs, ANA**
- **Recognition during Unity Day for your Leadership in this effort**
- **Increased understanding and awareness of the issues facing our profession today.**
- **Taking an active part in ensuring our successful transition in the current health care environment.**
- **Networking with peers and other healthcare leaders to ensure the voice of nursing is heard.**

If you're not a WVNA member yet, payment for membership can be accomplished with easy monthly payments and you have an option of State membership only or Full membership that includes membership in both WVNA and ANA.

Membership in the Legislative Leader Congress is only \$25.00. Monies to be utilized for the payment of a lobbyist.

WHAT TO NOW?

- **Complete the Legislative Leader Profile**
- **Ensure membership in WVNA and Legislative Leader Congress**
- **State your preference for Educational Session**

After that, we'll be in touch. Welcome aboard! We appreciate your participation and look forward to working with you.

Questions? Feel free to contact Pamela Neal, Legislative Congress Chair- (304) 416-0917 or Ruth Blevins, Executive Director WVNA (304) 342-1169.

PO Box 1946, Charleston, WV 25327

SIGN ME UP, I WANT TO BE A NURSE LEGISLATIVE LEADER:

NAME: _____

EDUCATION: check all that apply

ADN__ **BSN**__ **MSN**__ **Post-Graduate Certificate**__

Doctorate__ **Other** _____

CERTIFICATIONS: _____

PRACTICE AREA: **Hospital**__ **Private Practice**__ **School**__

Physicians Office__

Education__ **Telehealth**__ **Public Health**__

Other _____

SPECIALTY: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

EMAIL: _____

Do you have any current relationships with specific legislators in your district? If so, who?

Have you participated as a Nurse Legislative Leader in the Past? Yes__ **no**__

Are you a member of another professional organization? If so, please list all memberships. _____

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What nursing practice issues are currently concerning you?

Current Membership in WVNA? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member in another WVNA Congress? If so, which one? _____

Legislative Leadership Congress Membership _____

**What is your preference for the educational session? Dec _____
or Jan _____**

Pam Neal, Legislative Leader
West Virginia Nurses Association