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Nurses Lobbying for Quality Patient Care (6.0 CH)

Identifying and maintaining the appropriate numbers of nursing staff is critical to the delivery of quality patient care. Safe staffing laws and regulations are necessary to assure that employers recognize the association between RN staffing and positive patient outcomes. This program is intended for registered nurses who want to learn effective lobbying techniques to drive safe staffing and legislation to hold hospitals accountable for the development and implementation of valid, reliable, unit-by-unit nurse to patient ratios. At the conclusion of the program, the participant will be able to:

1. Defend the importance of nurse advocacy
2. Describe the importance of nurses establishing relationships with legislators
3. Discuss why nurses need to lobby for changes in public policy
4. Demonstrate lobbying techniques and nurse advocacy
5. Summarize the value of lobbying and how it might impact the nursing environment
6. Describe the importance of continued policy advocacy

Safe Staffing Saves Lives Take Home Program: Up to 4 CH

This continuing nursing education (CNE) learning booklet is a collection of five self-paced educational activities (four in paper format, on ON DEMAND learning webinar), focusing on the latest evidence for passing safe staffing ratios. The educational activities have been specifically designed to enhance your knowledge of safe staffing legislation, including how it can positively affect patient outcomes. The series gives members an opportunity to earn up to 4 contact hours (4 CH).

- Safe Staffing: A Review of Foundational Studies (1 CH)
- The Impact Staffing Ratios Have on Decreasing RN Turnover, Saving Hospitals Money (.5 CH)
- Safe Staffing Day of Action-Collective Patient Advocacy and Workplace Organizing: A Nurses' Professional Duty and a Patient's Right (1.5 CH)
- You Have More Influence Than You Think: Engaging Community Allies for Safe Staffing (.5 CH)
- Finding Your Political Pulse: A Nurse's Guide to Legislative Advocacy (.5 CH) *online program at www.nysna.org.