



# Georgia Association of Nursing Deans and Directors

Legislative Support

# GANDD – Legislative Facilitator



- 25 years of experience in government relations and public affairs
- Extensive experience in coordinating grassroots:
  - Education
  - Training members
  - Planning/coordinating grassroots lobby day
- Develops and maintains respected relationships with Georgia's key leadership



*We always hear about the rights of democracy, but the major responsibility of it is participation.* Wynton Marsalis

Why should nursing deans and directors maintain involvement in legislative efforts:

- We are skilled collaborators and communicators
- We maintain a commitment to healthier local and global communities

FACT: “If nurses don’t stand up for issues that are important to us, those with competing interests in healthcare may be the only ones whose voices are heard.”

- Oestberg (2016)



## Why aren't nurse leaders more involved in policy and politics?

- Lack of awareness regarding procedures
- Limited formal health care policy education in nursing
- Lack of time and resources



# Accreditation Standards for BSN – MSN – DNP

- CCNE Baccalaureate Essentials

The baccalaureate program prepares the graduate to:

1. **Demonstrate basic knowledge of healthcare policy**, finance, and regulatory environments, including local, state, national, and global healthcare trends.
2. **Describe how health care is organized** and financed, including the implications of business principles, such as patient and system cost factors.
3. **Compare the benefits and limitations of the major forms of reimbursement** on the delivery of health care services.
4. **Examine legislative and regulatory processes** relevant to the provision of health care.
5. **Describe state and national statutes, rules, and regulations** that authorize and define professional nursing practice.
6. Explore the impact of sociocultural, economic, legal, and political factors influencing healthcare delivery and practice.



**Examine the roles and responsibilities of the regulatory agencies** and their effect on patient care quality, workplace safety, and the scope of nursing and other health professionals' practice.

**Discuss the implications of healthcare policy** on issues of access, equity, affordability, and social justice in healthcare delivery.

Use an ethical framework to evaluate the **impact of social policies on health care**, especially for vulnerable populations.

Articulate, through a nursing perspective, **issues concerning healthcare delivery to decision makers within healthcare organizations and other policy arenas**.

**Participate as a nursing professional in political processes and grassroots legislative efforts** to influence healthcare policy.

**Advocate for consumers** and the nursing profession.

MSN and Doctoral Essentials are at a higher level....



**Nurse Practitioners**  
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**FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY**

