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# LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA 2-0-1-5



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### **Mission Statement :**

***The mission of the Iowa Nurses Association is to connect, support and advocate for Iowa nurses and nursing practice.***

**The Iowa Nurses Association is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association.**

## **2015 Legislative Agenda & Priorities**

1. Participate in efforts to redesign aspects of the Iowa healthcare system that will:
  - Make health care affordable and accessible
  - Provide a full range of services across health care settings
  - Address mental health services
  - Assure health care access in rural settings
  - Address long term care needs
2. Promote a culture of patient safety in all practice settings.
3. Support efforts to expand nursing workforce development, increase the proportion of nurses with higher education and address nursing faculty shortages.
4. Support Public Health programs, functions and infrastructure to:
  - Prevent infectious diseases
  - Promote evidenced-based preventive health care
  - Provide chronic care management
  - Promote healthy communities
5. Support efforts that allow nurses to practice to the highest extent of their education and as full participants of a team based care delivery model.

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