

## **Delaware Nurses Association**

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The Delaware Nurses Association (DNA) was established in 1911 in Claymont, DE and has served to advance the profession of nursing and our collective mission to improve the health of all Delawareans. We are the only professional association in Delaware representing all Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. We continue to advance health through the art and science of nursing supported by diverse members, advocacy, professional development, generation of new knowledge, effective communication, and community service.

In addition to our robust and inclusive membership, we also facilitate an organizational affiliate program. This program brings together state specialty nursing associations and health-related associations with nursing representation together. The goal of the organizational affiliate program is to strengthen nursing's and healthcare advocate's voices in the reformation of healthcare delivery in Delaware.

In addition to sharing physical space, DNA has a long history of collaboration with the Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association (Academy/DPHA). This includes interprofessional education, removing scope of practice barriers and advancing public health. Both organizations continue to partner with new endeavors. For example, the design and launch of Healthy Nurse Healthy Delaware, a program spearheaded by DNA to support Delaware nurses' mental health and overall wellbeing.

The DNA is proud to partner with the Academy/DPHA on Delaware Health Force and further inform efforts to grow, strengthen and advance Delaware's healthcare workforce. At DNA, we appreciate the importance of robust data and transparent reporting to further inform efforts that will support Delaware's healthcare workforce and access to high-quality, equitable, affordable and convenient healthcare services for all Delawareans.

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