

NURSE ADVOCACY DAY

Jefferson City, MO



February 25, 2026 | CAPITAL BLUFFS EVENT CENTER

Missouri Nurse Advocacy Day is designed to increase awareness of the political process for all nurses and nursing students. The event expands participants' understanding of the legislative process and provides them with effective techniques for advocating for their patients and practice. This event will focus on why legislative advocacy is important, identifying the Missouri Nurses Association's key legislative priorities, as well as sharing what is needed from each nurse in the state to be successful at the Capitol.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Observation of the legislative process
2. Opportunities for involvement in shaping health policy at the state level
3. Strategies for following up with state legislators

AGENDA

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| 8:00 am | Registration and Exhibits Open |
| 9:00 am | Welcome <i>Cynthia Aurentz DNP, RN, CNE, Missouri Nurses Association President</i> <i>Felicia Hampton RN, Missouri Nurses Association Vice President of Advocacy</i> |
| 9:15 am | Overview of Activities <i>Cynthia Aurentz DNP, RN, CNE & Felicia Hampton RN</i> |
| 9:30 am | Break – visit exhibits |
| 10:00 am | The Power of Nurses: Advocacy, Policy, and Collective Impact <i>Simit Pandya, Director, Congressional and Grassroots Advocacy, American Nurses Association</i> |
| 10:45 am | Legislative Priorities: How Did MONA Get Here? What Do I Need to Accomplish at the Capitol? <i>Jack Seigel MSW, MONA Outreach Manager & Kyna Iman, MONA Lobbyist</i> |
| 11:30 am | Recognition Luncheon – provided <i>Jill Kliethermes MSN, RN, FNP-BC, MONA Executive Director & Cynthia Aurentz DNP, RN, CNE</i> |
| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Shuttle to the State Capitol – transportation from venue to Capitol provided Visit Exhibits – Exhibits close at 1:00 pm |
| 1:00 – 2:30 pm | Capitol Visit <i>Participants will experience the legislative process firsthand and network with legislators.</i> |
| 2:30 – 4:00 pm | Capitol Visit Highlights & Questions <i>Each participating school will stop by the Capitol Rotunda to share their experiences and ask questions of advocacy leaders. All students can participate in the State Capitol Scavenger Hunt for the chance to win a prize.</i> |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm | Shuttle back to Capital Bluffs – transportation from Capitol back to the venue provided |



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