

7. STRENGTHENING NURSING EDUCATION

7.3 The National Council of State Boards of Nursing and specialty certification should take the following action: Incorporate test questions on meeting social needs through care coordination and on meeting population health needs, including addressing SDOH, through multisector coordination.

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1. Key Strategic Stakeholders

Nursing Organizations

National Council of State Boards of Nursing:
5M + nurses existing nurses

State Government

State Legislative Branch (e.g., Assembly and Senate)

Other

Healthy Cities/Healthy Communities initiatives – partner with existing structure; Case management groups – military veterans and families, Public Health, hospitals, community settings

2. Top 3-5 Actions for 2021

- A. Require not just knowledge but interaction/ability to act with community agencies
- B. Potential required CEU as part of licensure
- C. Give Academic Credit for the training that applies regardless of degree
- D. Advancing academic credit for interprofessional education
- E. Give course credit for volunteering in the community/responding to disaster/engaging in action related to the social determinants of health
- F. Partner with Chamber of Commerce/Healthy “city” Initiative to advance the screening/integration
- G. Need to address licensure issues across states to improve multi-sector engagement (COMPACT = 36 states – move to national).

3. Top 3-5 Actions for 2022

- A. Give Federal & State Tax Credit for individuals who complete a SDOH training/Equity training – this is applicable across the entire system – do for entire healthcare team – be radical and inclusive
- B. Focus on already registered and working nursing – Red Cross training for disaster
- C. Need to broaden conceptualization of practice – accelerate DNP shift r/t economics, big data, legislative and social policy frameworks to apply clinical knowledge into systems change
- D. Establish Payment for SDOH screening
- E. Shift nursing role for what nursing’s role is – ie housing = health, not a SW activity but an integrated part of whole person care
- F. Engage States for legislating change in screening
- G. Where is the legislative action column – ie action in 1 – 3 years

4. Success Indicators

- Standards from Healthy Communities – integrate a metric here (adding SMART objectives/timelines) (How will we know we have accomplished the actions listed above? Adapt to be specific to actions)
- Look at resilient community metrics/measures
- Highlighting data that shows ROI on addressing SDOH – identifying measures
- Racism and impact on health – role of structural racism, how are community/population risk factors moving
- Childhood illness as proxy for poor housing
- Payment for SDOH screening/% population screened for SDOH across settings
- Purpose – not to create additional new measures but build from existing measures & standards