

Mississippi Board of Nursing

Office of Nursing Workforce

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From the Office of Nursing Workforce

This issue highlights three key priorities—**Access, Data, and Leadership**—each directly aligned with the statutory purpose of the Office of Nursing Workforce (ONW).

Through strategic scholarship investments and coordinated academic pathways, ONW is expanding access to nursing education and accelerating licensure success across associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. Our data-informed workforce strategies ensure reliable capacity tracking, forecast future healthcare demands, and guide responsible financial investments to sustain Mississippi's nursing pipeline.

Additionally, ONW continues to support educator development and continuing education initiatives that prepare nursing faculty and practicing nurses to respond confidently to evolving healthcare delivery system changes.

Together, we are building a resilient, well-prepared nursing workforce equipped to meet Mississippi's current and future healthcare needs.

Office of Nursing Workforce

\$900,000 Statewide Nursing Education Investment

Mississippi is making a powerful \$900,000 investment in nursing education—an investment in the future of healthcare across our state. This funding supports nursing students helping them stay focused on completing their programs and entering practice. Distributed across nursing programs statewide, the initiative ensures broad, equitable impact in both rural and urban communities. Together, this strategic investment strengthens transition-to-practice success and builds a resilient nursing workforce for Mississippi's future.



Strengthening Mississippi's Nursing Workforce

Nursing Success Scholarship Program

Student Impact: Gallery of Gratitude

The Nursing Success Scholarship Program provides **NCLEX exam fee vouchers** for eligible first-time test takers.



Increase first-time testing participation and accelerate entry into professional nursing practice.

Every voucher awarded helps remove a critical barrier between graduation and licensure.

 Click here: [Apply or Learn More](#)

Their words remind us that workforce development is not abstract—it is personal. It is transformational.

I can't thank you guys enough for all that you do to help us...Erica, AND student

I want to sincerely thank the MBON for awarding me this scholarship...Tomika, ADN student

This scholarship will make a meaningful difference in my education...Earisene, ADN student

This scholarship brings me one step closer to my goal...Alexis, ADN Student

Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of nursing students like me...Alondrea, ADN Student



Expanding Leadership Development

Through partnership with the Alabama Board of Nursing, ONW is launching a structured, three-tier **Leadership Institute Curriculum** designed to cultivate nursing leaders at every career stage.

Three-Tier Leadership Framework

Tier I – Emerging Leaders

Communication, professionalism, team engagement

Tier II – Developing Leaders

Conflict resolution, delegation, quality improvement

Tier III – Executive & Systems Leaders

Policy awareness, strategic planning, regulatory leadership

Leadership Outcomes

-  Stronger leadership pipeline
-  Increased workforce resilience
-  Expanded professional advancement opportunities
-  Greater healthcare systems influence

 Click here: [Explore the Curriculum](#)

Advisory Board Opportunity

The Office of Nursing Workforce is seeking qualified Mississippi professionals to serve on the Volunteer Advisory Board Committee.

Ideal Applicants Include:

- Healthcare professionals
- Health agency administrators
- Nursing educators
- Consumer representatives
- Workforce development leaders



 [Application](#) Deadline: April 24, 2026

Your expertise can help shape the future of nursing in Mississippi.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities



2026
NADDI

NADDI of Mississippi
CONFERENCE

Brandon Civic Center
1000 Municipal Dr.
Brandon, MS 39042

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

2026 NADDI of Mississippi Training Conference



All Shock Up For Nursing.

ITS REGISTRATION TIME!
MOADN 2026

APRIL 8 & 9, 2026
CADENCE BANK ARENA
TUPELO, MS

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: APRIL 8
FACULTY AND STAFF: APRIL 8 AND 9

MLPNA 2026 Educational Conference: “Boots on the Ground: Action in Nursing”

April 8-9, 2026

Pearl River Resort: Silver Star Hotel and Casino

13541 MS-16, Philadelphia, MS 39350

866-447-3275



Mississippi Association
Nurse Practitioners

JUNE 8-10, 2026
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& MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Share Your News

We invite you to contribute to the next issue of the ONW Newsletter.

Submit content to: onw@msbn.ms.gov

 Submission Deadline: March 18, 2026

Who should submit?

- Schools of Nursing
- Healthcare partners
- Licensed Nurses

Include:

- Article or contribution
- Contact information
- Media attachments

Together, We Are Advancing Mississippi Nursing.

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