

School of Nursing Commitment



Nurses Climate Challenge: School of Nursing Commitment

Description of the partnership: Nurses must be prepared to care for patients in the context of climate change and be knowledgeable about actions to mitigate further climate impacts. The Nurses Climate Challenge is a national campaign led by Health Care Without Harm and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments which provides resources to nurses to meet the goal of educating 50,000 health professionals about the health impacts of climate change by 2022. The School of Nursing Commitment is an opportunity to include nursing students at all levels to participate in this movement.

Nurses Climate Challenge resources include:

- 10-minute and 30-minute PowerPoint presentations with detailed talking points, resources, and references on the health impacts of climate change.
- Messaging guide with strategies for leading difficult conversations around climate change.
- Multiple action-oriented resources to help educate, implement, and advocate for climate-smart health care within the health care setting, at home, and within our communities.
- CHANT (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument evaluating nurses' and nursing students' awareness, experience, motivation, and behaviors related to climate change and health.

Commitment details:

The School of Nursing agrees to all of the following:

- Promote the Nurses Climate Challenge and CHANT to undergraduate and/or graduate nursing students and faculty using communication strategies such as email, websites, and social media
- Use at least one component of Nurses Climate Challenge content in a course, guest lecture, or presentation (for example 10-minute PowerPoint or climate action resources). Visit the [resource page](#) on the Nurses Climate Challenge website for over 20 additional examples). This does not need to be officially adopted into the curriculum or syllabus.
- Report the number of students educated with Nurses Climate Challenge content using our [online activity tracker](#) after each education session

(Faculty must register for a free account on the Nurses Climate Challenge website for access to resources and the activity tracker. Registration takes a few minutes and accounts are approved within 48 business hours).

The Nurses Climate Challenge agrees to all of the following:

- Display the college of nursing name publicly on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Identify the college as a participating school and highlight individual faculty efforts on climate and health education on social media.
- Publicize select school of nursing faculty and student research on climate and health on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Host faculty sharing calls prior to fall and spring semesters to serve as a community of practice for climate and health education
- Provide quarterly reports on how many students have been educated and registered as nurse climate champions.

Anticipated partner benefits:

- Standardized, current, open-access, evidence-based, expertly-crafted, ready-made nursing content around climate and health.
- Access to CHANT (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument.
- Opportunity for scholars to test specific participant groups using CHANT based on an episode code.
- Providing students with long-awaited education around climate change and what it means for their future patients.
- Recognition of your institution as a national leader in climate change education.
- Having your accomplishments and efforts shared on our website and social media.

Note: This initiative is built to function in nursing schools across the United States. Due to variation in university legal requirements, we do not collect signatures or official documentation of the shared commitment. The commitment is made via verbal and electronic communication between the Nurses Climate Challenge and each school of nursing. Furthermore, content from the Nurses Climate Challenge does not need to be officially adopted into the school of nursing's curriculum or syllabus. For questions, please contact nursesclimatechallenge@hcwh.org.