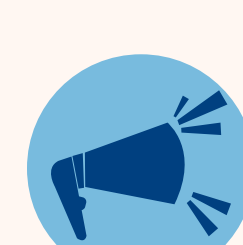MARCH
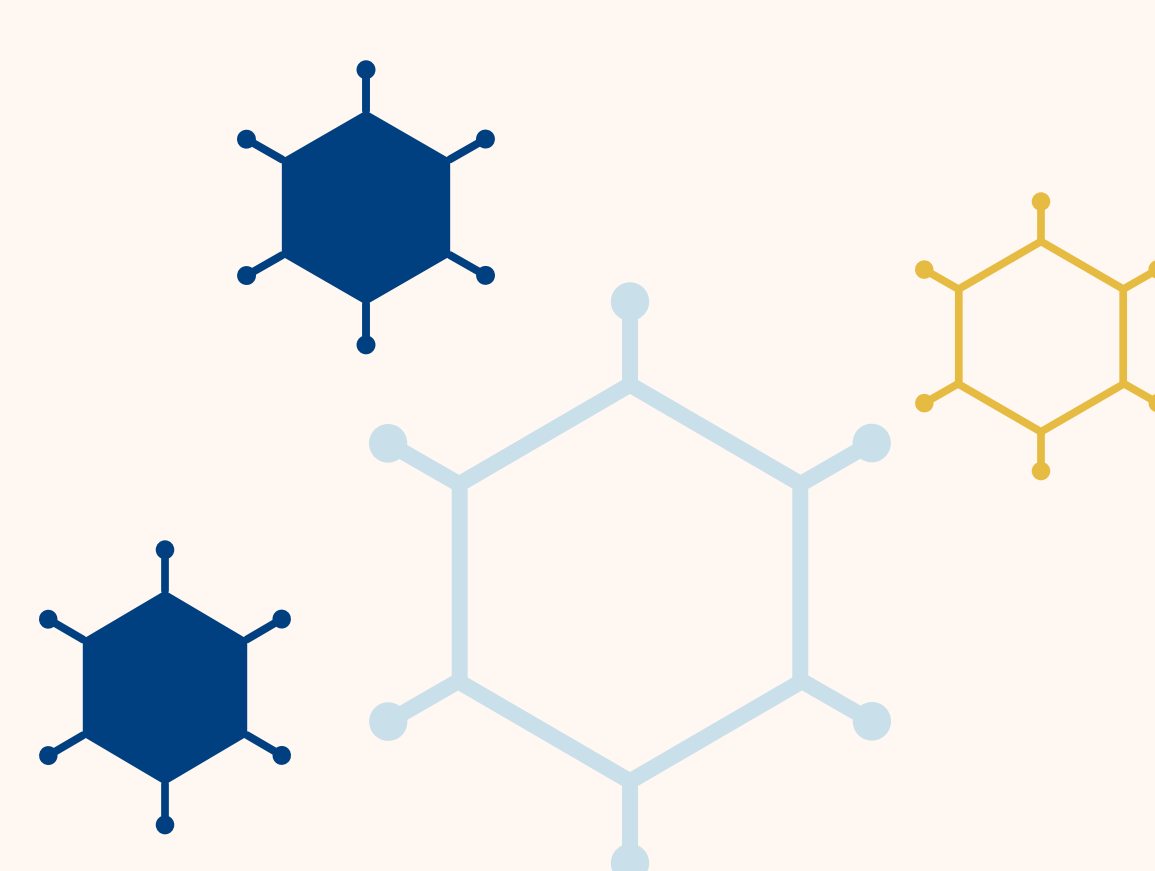
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WHAT IS NIWI?

The Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) provides nurses and nursing students the opportunity to learn how to influence health care through the legislative and regulatory processes. Participants learn from health policy experts and government officials, network with other nurses, and visit members of Congress.

WHY SHOULD A NATIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATION SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO NIWI?

The Nurse in Washington Internship brings together nurses and nursing students from across the country to form one voice for nursing. Over the course of two and a half days, the participants will learn about the legislative process and how to help shape the future of nursing.

REASON #1

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Visiting Representatives and Senators in-person helps to lay the foundation to build an ongoing relationship where attendees can begin to advocate on behalf of their specialty organization.

REASON #2

NETWORK

Meeting other nurse advocates from the same state and attending Hill meetings with Senators as a group helps create one strong voice. NIWI attendees will have the opportunity to meet other attendees who share the same specialty and can develop relationships for future efforts.

REASON #3

LEARN ADVOCACY SKILLS

Attend our advocacy session and hear from professional advocates to become prepared to present predetermined "asks" to Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill. Following NIWI, attendees will be skilled in advocacy and have the confidence to advocate on behalf of their nursing specialty!
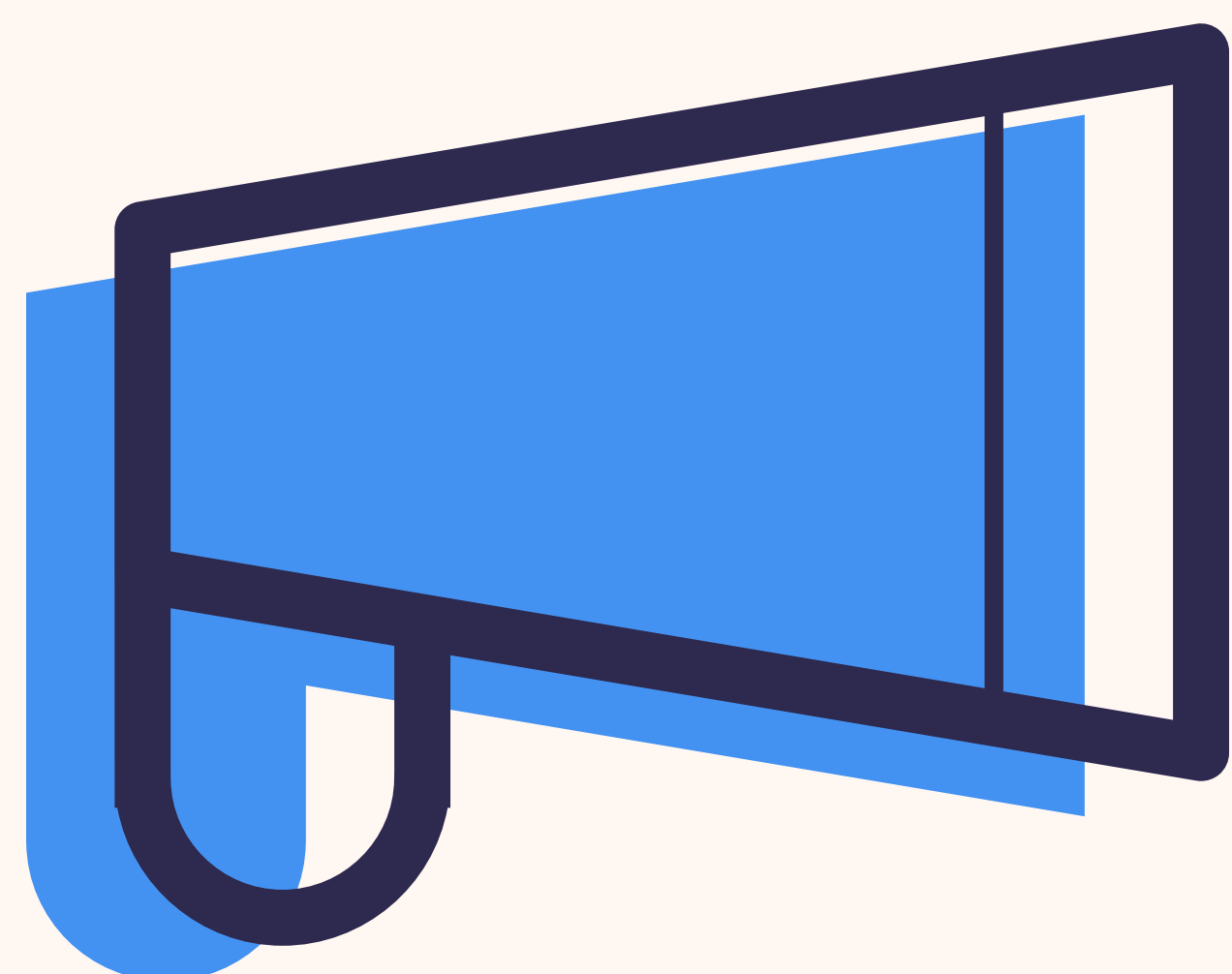

REASON #4

LEARN HOW TO SCHEDULE HILL MEETINGS INDEPENDENTLY

NIWI teaches attendees how to schedule meetings with legislators by doing. Attendees leave NIWI with the skills to schedule their own meetings allowing them the independence to advocate on behalf of their specialty and to discuss issues important to their national nursing organization as directed.

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HEAR ME ADVOCATE