

TOPIC: **PROMOTING NURSING EDUCATION OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN HEALTHCARE TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND UPHOLD ETHICAL PRACTICE**

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WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has access to previously protected areas which leads to reduced protection of immigrant patients in the hospital (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 2025); and

WHEREAS, Immigration enforcement actions have occurred in or around hospitals and clinics causing fear and avoidance of healthcare services among undocumented and mixed-status immigrant families (Linton et al., 2025); and

WHEREAS, Nurses are ethically obligated to advocate for all patients' rights, protect their privacy, and protect their confidentiality regardless of immigration status (American Nurses Association, 2025, Provision 3.1); and

WHEREAS, Many healthcare students report a lack of formal training on how to respond to ICE presence in healthcare settings, including how to navigate patient confidentiality, constitutional protocols, and their own legal rights and responsibilities (Lamneck et al., 2023); and

WHEREAS, Fear of immigration enforcement can result in delayed treatment and worsened health outcomes for immigrant patients, contributing to existing health disparities (Young et al., 2023, p. 306-313); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the California Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) encourage nursing programs across the state to include immigration-informed care, including guidance on how to respond to ICE presence in hospitals, as part of their curricula; and be it further

RESOLVED, That CNSA advocate for the development and dissemination of educational resources for nursing students regarding immigrant patient rights, HIPAA protections, institutional sanctuary policies, and ethical responses to immigration enforcement in healthcare settings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That CNSA send a copy of this resolution to the National Student Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National League for Nursing, the CA Board of Nurses, the National Nurses United, the Philippine Nurses Association of America, the National Black Nurses Association, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, the National Immigration Law Center, the

Migrant Clinicians Network, and all others deemed appropriate by the CNSA Board of Directors.