

2026 NYSNA CONVENTION OCTOBER 26-27 NYC MIDTOWN HILTON



**Nurses Unite to Protect Our Patients,
Practice and Union**

NYSNA Healthcare Defender: Nurses Unite to Protect Our Patients, Practice and Union

NYSNA members are on the frontlines of defending safe patient care and advocating for quality care for all. We continue to confront new challenges in 2026. When our safety net hospitals, our most vulnerable patients, our status as professionals, and our union have come under attack, NYSNA nurses have fought back. From our successful New York City strike to protecting nursing practice in the state budget, nurses know that when we unite to protect our patients, practice and union — we win!

Join us for two days of education, solidarity, advocacy, and fun that will set the direction and priorities of our union. Classes and plenaries taught by nursing and labor experts.

1. How to Tell Your Nursing Story
2. What Nurses Need to Know About Leveraging the NYS Staffing Law and Contract Bargaining to Advocate for the Creation and Enforcement of Exemplary Staffing Plans
3. Mobilization Phases in Contract Campaigns
4. Safe Nurse Staffing Data: Enforcing Standards Statewide
5. Workplace Violence Prevention Updates: New Laws, Contractual Wins and Member Activism
6. Recovery-Ready Workplace: Tackling Substance Use Disorder — an Occupational Hazard for Nurses
7. Nurses' Rights: Organizing, Member Representation, and Contract Enforcement
8. Healthcare for All: The Campaign for Single Payer
9. Understanding the Nursing Practice Implications of A.I.: Protecting Our Patients and Our Profession
10. Zero Harm: Administering Medications Safely
11. Mastering Physical Assessment Skills for Cardiac Emergencies
12. Beyond Responsibility: Mastering Accountability and Scope of Practice
13. How to Organize Nurses: Strategies for Building Power and Practice in Our Hospitals
14. Why Nurses Do Politics and How We Win Collective Political Power
15. Stroke Escape Room
16. Mental health (In)justice: The Struggle for an Inclusive and Just Healthcare System
17. Forgiveness for Caregivers: An Unexpected Self-Care Tool

After you register, you'll receive information about transportation and hotel reservations. Visit nysna.org/Convention for our reimbursement policy, guidelines for submitting resolutions, and more.

AGENDA

DAY 1: Monday, October 26

8:00am - 10:00am	Concurrent sessions I
10:15am - 12:15pm	Concurrent Sessions II
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Opening Convention Opening Session with lunch
2:15pm - 4:15pm	Concurrent Sessions III
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Concurrent Sessions IV
6:30pm	Movie Screening
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Dinner and Speaker
9:00pm	Social Event

Day 2: Tuesday, October 27

8:30am - 10:00am	Voting Body Session I
10:00am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 11:45am	Voting Body Session II
11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Voting Body Session III
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 4:30pm	Voting Body Session IV
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Closing remarks and raffle

****Note: non-delegates have the option to observe
Voting Body or attend workshops on day two.**

**YOU MUST
REGISTER
ONLINE:**



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