



# Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations

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The Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations (CPHNO) is a coalition of the nation's leading public health nursing organizations:

- Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments,
- American Public Health Association – Public Health Nursing Section,
- Association of Community Health Nursing Educators,
- Association of Public Health Nurses,
- National Association of School Nurses,
- and Rural Nurse Organization.

In partnership, we collectively and collaboratively strengthen public health nursing as a professional specialty, advancing excellence in practice, education, leadership, and research. We advocate for state, national, and global policies that improve the health of the public. Our mission is to unite and amplify the authoritative voice of public health nurses, expanding their influence and impact to promote equitable health for all. Our vision is that the health of the public is robust, equitable, and inclusive of all people, achieved with the indispensable skills and leadership of public health nurses.

Leveraging the network of our member organizations, we are actively engaged in advocacy that aligns with the priority areas of the Climate Collaborative. Our communications and website provide evidence of our collective contribution to increasing environmental health literacy and activism toward the decarbonization of multiple sectors (public health, health care, K-12 and higher education, and business) through health professional education and communication in urban and rural settings nationally and internationally. We are also actively involved in supporting policies and legislation that protects public health by addressing climate change, such as through the decarbonization of the health care sector.

CPHNO is committed to educating public health nurses, and the public health workforce at large, on the positive health benefits that can be attained by strong climate action and provide them with the tools needed to take action in their workplace and communities. With over 26,000 members across our six organizations, we have a significant reach into multiple sectors for climate action and policy change across many levels.