

Addressing PA's Nursing Shortage

By State Rep Ann Flood
 SLATE BELT - Working to address the critical shortage of nurses and ensure access to health care, Pennsylvania is taking the first step to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact by allowing nurses with multistate licenses issued by 40 other states and territories to practice here. Effective Sept. 5, registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who hold a multistate license through the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) will be permitted to practice in the Commonwealth. The change provides a much-needed expansion in the pool of recruits for hospitals and other health care facilities, and helps alleviate burdens on overworked nursing staffs, making conditions safer for both patients and health care workers. A November 2022 survey by The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) showed vacancy rates of 30% for RNs providing direct care, which is a 10 percentage point increase since 2019. A separate HAP report from January 2023 showed that Pennsylvania could have a shortfall of more than 20,000 RNs by 2026. This is an important step toward reversing that trend.



More Upcoming Local Events

Gun Safety Seminar
 Rep. Flood will be hosting a gun safety seminar at the Roseto Rod and Gun Club.

When: Thursday, Sept. 21
 Location: Roseto Rod & Gun Club
 30 Shooktown Rd.
 Bangor, PA

*Registration is REQUIRED, as space is limited. Please visit repannflood.com to find more information, or to sign up for this event.

Senior Expo
 Older adults aged 55 and over are invited to attend an informative seminar on aging and the various state resources available. Refreshments will be provided.

Friday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company,
 6480 Sullivan Trail
 Wind Gap, PA 18091

PHEAA Seminar
 The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority (PHEAA) will be providing a seminar regarding higher education. Attendees will receive information on higher education and financial planning.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 11 6pm - 8pm
 Location: Pen Argyl High School
 501 W. Laurel Ave.
 Pen Argyl, PA 18072

Special Needs Expo
 Those with special needs and their families are invited to attend this informative seminar and learn about various state and local resources and agencies that are available.

When: Saturday, Nov. 18 10am - 1pm
 Location: Forks Township Community Center
 500 Zucksville Rd.
 Easton, PA 18040

SEPTEMBER 30

One-Day Event • Rain or Shine



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Household Hazardous Waste

2023 RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION EVENT

NO BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION, OR OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTES ACCEPTED.

DROP-OFF IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Online Pre-registration is Required & Opens August 30.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis and will close once timeslots are filled.

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