

# Nurses Climate Challenge: Sigma Chapter Commitment



Alliance of Nurses for  
Healthy Environments

## Description of the Partnership:

Nurses must be prepared to care for patients in the context of climate change and be knowledgeable about actions to mitigate further climate impacts. The Nurses Climate Challenge is a national campaign led by the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments which provides resources to educate health professionals on the health impacts of climate change. The Sigma Chapter Commitment is an opportunity for Sigma Chapters to participate in this movement with its members and community.

## Nurses Climate Challenge resources include:

- 10-minute and 30-minute PowerPoint presentations with detailed talking points, resources, and references on the health impacts of climate change
- Messaging **guide with strategies** for facilitating difficult conversations around climate change
- Multiple **action-oriented resources** to help educate, implement, and advocate for climate-smart health care within the health care setting, at home, and within our communities.
- **CHANT** (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument evaluating nurses' and nursing students' awareness, experience, motivation, and behaviors related to climate change and health.

## Commitment Details

### The Sigma Chapter agrees to the following:

- Promote the Nurses Climate Challenge to your members and affiliated School(s) of Nursing. Promote utilization of the CHANT instrument using communication strategies such as email, websites, and social media.
- Promote awareness of the Nurses Climate Challenge to other Sigma Chapters.
- Partner with your affiliated School(s) of Nursing to use at least one component of Nurses Climate Challenge content in a course, guest lecture, or presentation (for example 10-minute PowerPoint or climate action resources). Visit the resource page on the Nurses Climate

Challenge website for over 20 additional examples. This does not need to be officially adopted into the curriculum or syllabus.

- Report the activities your Sigma Chapter completed related to Nurses Climate Challenge content in your Chapter's annual report.

### **The Nurses Climate Challenge agrees to all of the following:**

- Display the Sigma Chapter name publicly on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Highlight select Sigma Chapter efforts on climate and health education on social media.
- Publicize select Sigma members and student research on climate and health on the Nurses Climate Challenge website.
- Provide periodic updates on the Sigma Chapter engagement for this initiative.

## **Anticipated partner benefits:**

- Standardized, current, open-access, evidence-based, expertly-crafted, ready-made nursing content around climate and health.
- Access to **CHANT** (Climate, Health and Nursing Tool), a psychometrically tested survey instrument.
- Opportunity for scholars to test specific participant groups using **CHANT** based on an episode code.
- Providing students with **long-awaited education** around climate change and what it means for their future patients.
- Recognition of your Sigma Chapter as a **national leader in climate change education**. Participation in this initiative aligns with multiple United Nations Sustainable Development Goals including #13 Climate Action, #3 Good Health and Well-Being, #4 Quality Education, #10 Reduced Inequalities, #12 Responsible Consumption and Production, and #17 Partnerships for the Goals.
- Having your accomplishments and efforts **shared on our website and social media**.
- Opportunity to partner with your affiliated School(s) of Nursing to integrate climate health content into the curriculum. The following Competencies from the AACN Essentials may be addressed:
  - **Domain 3 Population Health**
    - 3.1 Manage population health.
    - 3.4 Advance equitable population health policy.
    - 3.5 Demonstrate advocacy strategies.
    - 3.6 Advance preparedness to protect population health during disasters and public health emergencies. Entry Level: 3.6b Understand the impact of climate change on environmental and population health.
  - **Domain 9 Professionalism**
    - 9.3 Demonstrate accountability to the individual, society, and the profession.
  - **Domain 10 Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development**
    - 10.1 Demonstrate a commitment to personal health and well-being.