

**WEBINAR HANDOUT**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

# **NURSING IS A PROFESSION**

**RESPONDING TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION'S PROPOSED RULE**



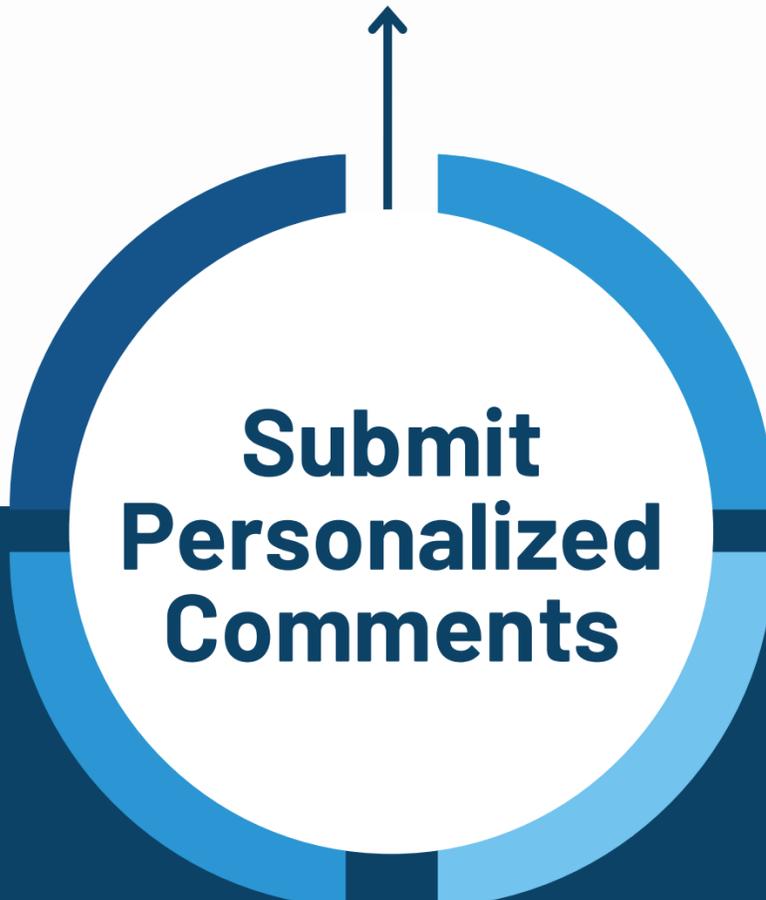
# Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Released

On January 30, the Department of Education (ED) released the OB3A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). Unfortunately, this proposed rule does not include post-baccalaureate nursing in the definition of "professional degree" programs.

**The deadline to submit written comments on this NPRM is March 2, 2026.**

- **Federal Register:**  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/01/30/2026-01912/reimagining-and-improving-student-education>
- **Public Inspection:** <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2026-01912.pdf>
- **Rulemaking Docket:** <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/ED-2025-OPE-0944>

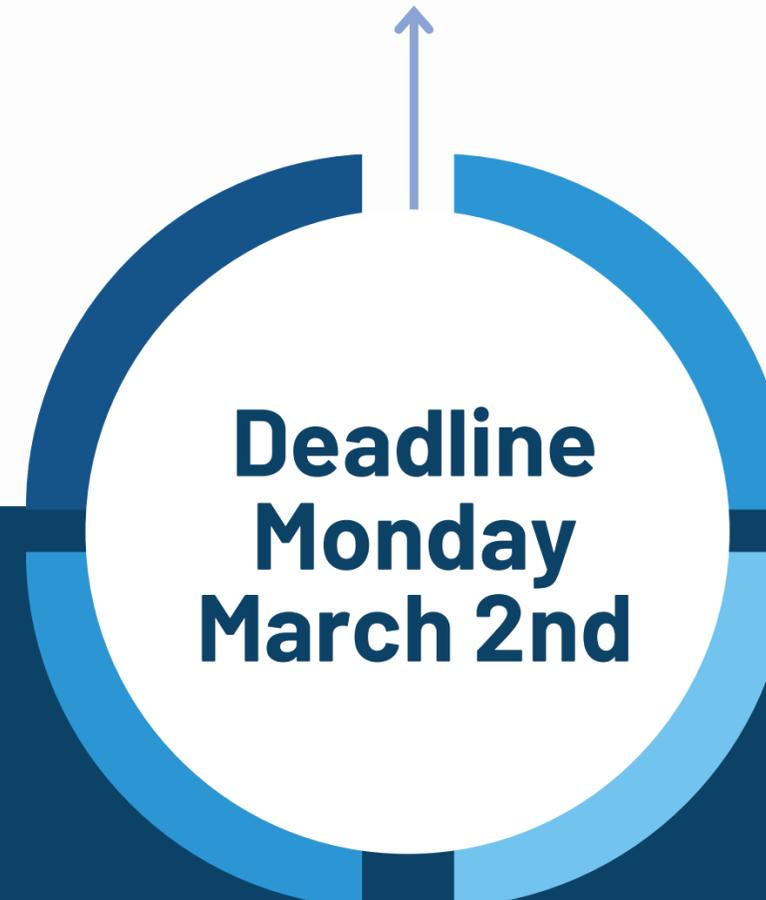
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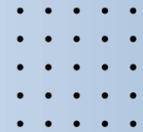


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**Deadline  
Monday  
March 2nd**

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## GRASSROOTS REQUEST



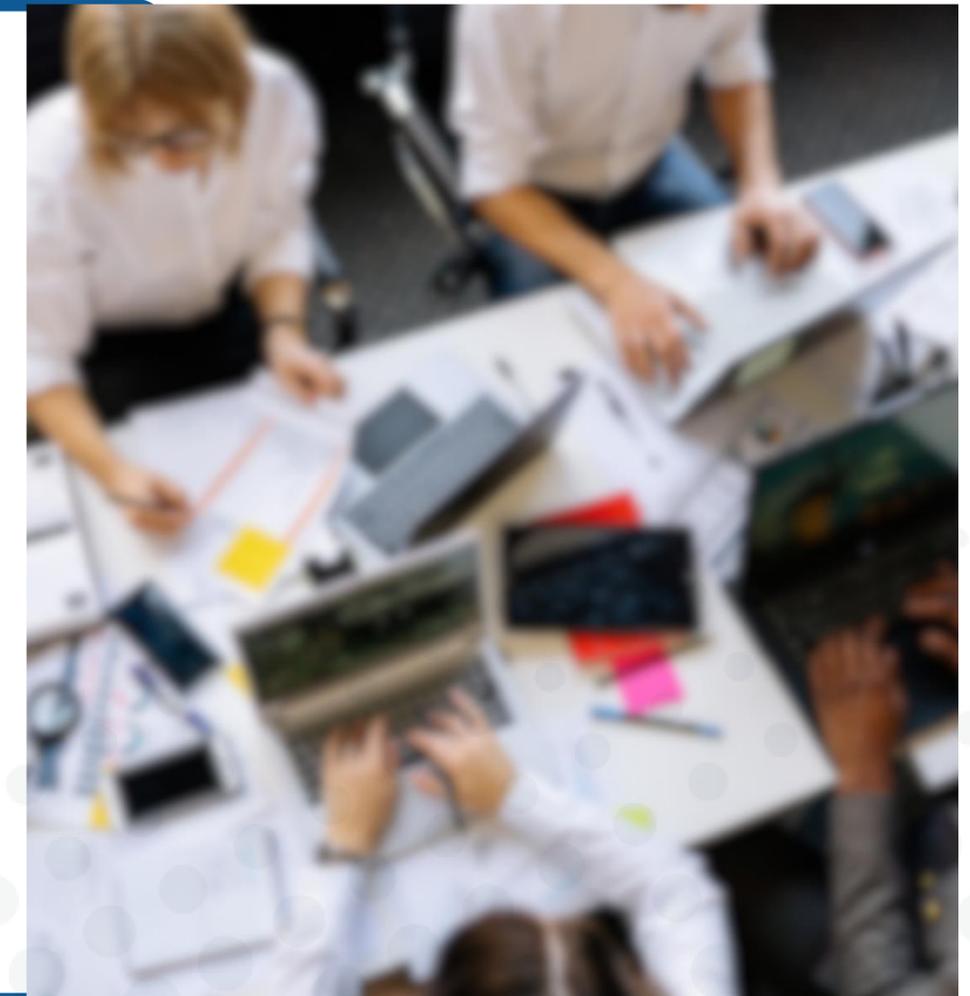
**I urge the inclusion of post-baccalaureate nursing degrees (MSN, DNP, Ph.D.) explicitly in the list of professional degrees.**

# COORDINATED RESPONSE



## ORGANIZATION REQUEST

[Insert Org] requests that the Department of Education explicitly include post-baccalaureate nursing programs, as outlined under the “Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences” series of Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes (Series 51.38), in the proposed regulatory definition of professional degree programs, and all the degrees at the master's and doctoral level they represent, specifically: "A professional degree may be awarded in the following fields: (i) Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.), Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.), Law, (L.L.B. or J.D.), Medicine (M.D.), Optometry (O.D.), Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Podiatry, (D.P.M., D.P., or Pod.D.), Theology (M.Div., or M.H.L.), Clinical Psychology (Psy.D. or Ph.D.), and **Nursing (MSN, DNP, Ph.D.).**"



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<https://www.votervoice.net/ACNM/Campaigns/131751/Respond>



National League  
for Nursing

<https://www.nln.org/public-policy/advocacy-action-center>



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