

2012 GNA Legislative Day

2012 Program Outline

I. Pre-Event Preparation

- A. Group leaders must register on the GNA web site at <http://www.georgianurses.org/legislativelobbyday.htm>. Faculty should pre-register their students by group on or before the registration deadline of January 20, 2012.
- B. Review and complete all online self-study materials prior to GNA's Legislative Day.
- C. Identify your state representative and senator by visiting: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/state/main/?state=GA&view=myofficials#0> and entering your home and/or school address.
- D. Contact your state representative and senator to inform them you'll be visiting the State Capitol for GNA Legislative Day on January 26, 2012. Contact their legislative offices to set a meeting with them at the Capitol. You can also indicate to your rep/senator that you will drop by their office on January 26 for a visit.
- E. Complete the GNA Legislative Day Final Checklist & Pre-Event Quiz (to be posted January 2012)

II. Onsite GNA Legislative Day*

- A. 8:30 a.m. Group leaders check in with GNA staff and volunteers in the South Atrium of the State Capitol, 2nd Floor. Staff will provide materials to the group leaders to distribute to students and assist Legislative Day attendees.
- B. 9:00-9:40 a.m. GNA morning program w/ President Sheila Warren, MHA, MSN, RN, Director of Legislative/Public Policy Judy Malachowski, PhD, RN, CNE and special guests.
- C. 10:00 a.m. Group photo with Governor Nathan Deal on the North Steps of the Capitol, 2nd floor.
- D. 10:00-11:00 a.m.* Go to the House or Senate Gallery on the 4th floor of the Capitol to watch the day's session. You may consider calling your legislator out of the chamber to speak with him or her. You can do this by sending a message using a House/Senate page.
- E. 11:00 a.m.-Noon OPTION #1 Visit Room 216* of the Capitol to network with GNA leaders and staff and other Legislative Day attendees.
- F. 11:00 a.m.-Noon OPTION #2 Attend meetings and connect with your rep/senator.
- G. Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- H. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Return to Room 216* of the Capitol to network with GNA leaders and staff and other Legislative Day attendees. Attend meetings with your rep/senator. Attend scheduled committee meetings in the Capitol and Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB). Committee schedules will be posted on monitors on the 3rd floor of the Capitol.

**During the Legislative Session, House/Senate leaders set a meeting schedule on a weekly basis. This schedule may change at any time. In addition, room reservations are tentative and can change prior to the day of the event. GNA will make every effort to notify attendees of any changes to this schedule.*