



NDSA-14-2526

A Resolution in Support of Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Educator, and Social Worker, Education and Practice in North Dakota

¹**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

²**WHEREAS**, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

³**WHEREAS**, the NDUS offers a wide variety of programs, including in the fields of Nursing, Physician Assistantship, Physical Therapy, Social Work, and Education; and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, continued training and practice in these fields is crucial for the North Dakota workforce and the services that North Dakota can offer its residents; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, as of 2025, Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Social Work, and Education degrees are not designated as professional degrees^u; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, a lack of professional designation means that students pursuing degrees in these fields are not eligible for the same level of financial support from the government as those pursuing professionally designated degrees; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, inability to cover costs to afford education in those nonprofessional fields is likely to disincentivize from studying and therefore practicing in those fields; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that to build North Dakota's workforce and provide NDUS students with education that successfully prepares them for practice in the workforce, the NDSA is in support both education and practice in the fields of Physician Assistantship, Physical Therapy, Social Work, and Education in North Dakota

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
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[1]- <https://www.newsweek.com/full-list-degrees-professional-trump-administration-11085695>