



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

## **2026 Supplemental Budget Request Update**

Board of Regents

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# MASTERS ENTRY TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING (MEPN)

## **\$1.4 million to open the state's first MEPN program at WSU Spokane**

- Abbreviated 14-month program for students who already hold a Bachelor's Degree.
- Uncommon May instructional start date allows for clinical rotations at a time when there is greatest clinical capacity.
- Cohorts of 50 students enrolled each year at full maturity.
- BSN students eligible to enroll in this program instead would create space for additional BSN applicants currently denied admission.
- High legislative awareness of nursing shortages.





# WSU ROAR: Responsibility, Opportunity, Advocacy & Respect

**\$600,000 to preserve WSU ROAR and expand enrollment to 45 students**

- WSU ROAR is a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) within the College of Education, supporting college-age students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) at the Pullman campus.
- Significant growth indicates high demand: From 4 students in 2020/2021 to 28 students in 2024/2025.
- Only residential CTP in the area, and one of only six in the region.
- Funded by an expiring federal grant

