

## NSNA ONLINE

### NSNA Web Site

[www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org)

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NSNA Online maintains communication with NSNA members, potential members, and other interested web browsers. Highlights of the site, updated weekly, include a calendar of events, announcements, membership and benefits updates, Career Center, and more. Other areas of the site include articles from *Imprint* magazine and *NSNA News*, press releases, NSNA Foundation scholarship applications, conference highlights and online registration, links to nursing organizations, publications, and NSNA state associations.

### NSNA Online MEMBER SERVICES

Visit [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) and enjoy the convenience of MEMBER SERVICES to join and to register for the MidYear Conference and Annual Convention. When you join online, a membership number is issued to you on the confirmation page. You'll want to use the NSNA web site MEMBER SERVICES to keep your membership information updated and to let us know if you hold a leadership position. The NSNA Privacy Policy is now accessible on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) - under the membership tab. Hard copy is available upon request by contacting NSNA.

### Just an E-Mail Away...

Please be sure to provide your e-mail address on the membership application so that you don't miss Career Center updates, important information about contests, awards, benefits, and deadlines. To protect your privacy, NSNA does not release e-mail addresses to third parties, however, NSNA releases respective state member's e-mail address as per NSNA policy. Remember to inform NSNA when your street or e-mail address changes.

Visit the NSNA web site  
[www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org)

## NURSING: AN ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

National Student Nurses' Association  
26th Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference

November 13-16, 2008

Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort • Reno, Nevada

VISIT [WWW.NSNA.ORG](http://WWW.NSNA.ORG) FOR FUTURE UPDATES!

## CAREER PLANNING

### IMPRINT

All members receive *Imprint*, NSNA's official magazine published by and for nursing students five times during the academic year. *Imprint* contains articles on current trends and issues in nursing, career development, NSNA meetings and events, membership benefits, and association and national news. *Imprint* is the only publication addressing nursing student perspectives and serving student needs. This year's editorial focuses include: the baby boomer retirement, the dynamics of diversity, career planning, and more.

### Career Planning and Job Opportunities

Specialty nursing panel presentations, the *Imprint* Career Planning Guide, the Career Center on [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org), educational mobility workshops, and a state board examination review are just a few of the many ways that NSNA helps members launch their nursing careers. At the MidYear Career Planning Conference and State Board Review, Reno, Nevada,

(November 13-16, 2008), a panel with nurse experts representing several different specialty practice areas introduces you to the role, responsibilities, and information needed to help you explore where your future nursing career may take you. *Imprint's* Career Planning Guide offers profiles of hospitals with positions and internships for new graduates, as well as informative articles about nursing specialties and landing your first graduate nursing position. You'll be informed about nursing and health care legislative issues that impact on your career and find out how to get involved in leadership and management activities that make you a valuable team player in all health care delivery settings. At both the NSNA Convention (Nashville, Tennessee April 15-19, 2009) and the MidYear Conference, you will meet representatives from hundreds of health care agencies eager to hear about your career goals and inform you about job opportunities throughout the US. NSNA members receive a discounted registration fee.

## "MAKING IT BIG!" NURSING STUDENTS STEPPING UP AND STEPPING OUT

NSNA's 57th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
Opryland Hotel & Convention Center  
Nashville, Tennessee • April 15-19, 2009

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## STUDY TOOLS

### Pass NCLEX-RN®

As the official NCLEX Preparation course of the NSNA, Drexel University NCLEX® EXCEL is the only accredited, university based NCLEX-RN® program that offers courses nationally.

With courses at more than 200 Universities, Colleges and Hospitals across the country, Drexel University NCLEX EXCEL® has the capability to assist NSNA members wherever they attend nursing school. Members who attend school at or near a host site will receive a 10% discount off the entry fee of any live NCLEX prep. If a site is not near by, Members can form a group and have Drexel University NCLEX EXCEL® come to THEM (call 800-666-PREP for details) or purchase one of NCLEX Excel's video, audio or online reviews also for a 10% discount. Take advantage of this special offer by visiting the NSNA NCLEX Excel Online Store at [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org).

### NCLEX-RN® Review Book

Members of NSNA receive a 25% discount on the hugely popular NCLEX-RN® Review published by Delmar, Cengage Learning. Based on the latest NCLEX-RN® Test Plan from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), this resource provides a clear path towards becoming a professional nurse. Comprehensive outline-format content review is accompanied by over 3,200 unique and challenging NCLEX-style questions with answers and detailed rationales. Content summations are offered in outline format and reflect the changes to the test plan, including increased emphasis on pharmacological and parenteral therapies. The book includes a CD-ROM with comprehensive tests that simulate the experience for the NCLEX-RN® Examination, as well as bonus tests. In addition, the CD-ROM now includes visuals of challenging new IV therapy skills and animations. Buy it today and find out why it carries the endorsement of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA).

### Complete Review for NCLEX-RN®

Complete Review for NCLEX-RN® by Donna Faye Gauwitz, is a comprehensive review of all the content you will encounter in your

undergraduate nursing education with emphasis on actual exam content. The text and CD-ROM include over 4,400 questions with rationales reflecting the current test plan. All questions are written to foster critical thinking. The CD-ROM contains software that allows students to practice and learn in a similar environment to the actual exam. A PDA download of 500 questions allows for additional practice and portability! NSNA members receive a 25% discount.

### Mosby's Tour Guide to Nursing School: A Student's Road Survival Kit, 5th Edition

This highly praised, popular "road trip," provides students with a down-to-earth yet humorous description of the journey through nursing school. It offers useful advice for coping with nursing school. Helpful suggestions and strategies are provided for time management, improving study habits, surviving clinical rotations, and balancing school, work, and family obligations. 10% off for NSNA members!

## BENEFITS

### NSNA ALLIANCE

NSNA cooperates with several corporations to bring members an array of discounted products and services designed to meet the needs of nursing students. NSNA members provide additional support for NSNA through the purchase of NSNA Alliance products or use of NSNA Alliance services. A portion of each purchase and use of service is contributed to NSNA. Contributions provide support for NSNA program activities such as Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Legislation/Education, and Image of Nursing Projects, and help to keep NSNA dues affordable.

### Reduced Rates on Products and Services

Being an NSNA member saves you money. You will receive special reduced rates for nursing magazines, computer software, quality nursing apparel and accessories, textbooks, reduced registration rates for the

NSNA Annual Convention and the MidYear Conference. Members receive discounts on NSNA publications.

### NSNA Partnerships with Specialty Nursing Organizations

Through a Partnership Program, NSNA members may join selected specialty nursing organizations at a reduced rate available only to NSNA members. Check off the Partnership box on the membership application to receive more information.

### Critical Portfolio™

A comprehensive professional portfolio is the standard by which today's nursing candidate is evaluated. Gone are the days of the cumbersome, paper portfolio. As such, Decision Critical, Inc. is pleased to work with NSNA to provide members with the opportunity to build and maintain an electronic, web-based professional portfolio using Critical Portfolio™. This first of its kind, web-based portfolio management solution provides nursing professionals and students with an automated and organized professional portfolio - accessible anytime, anywhere. The Critical Portfolio™ solution allows for personal, customized portfolios that include education case logs, papers, memberships, NSNA activities, resumes, and more! Additionally, the Critical Portfolio™ provides the owner with reminders of upcoming education, credential, and license renewal requirements. Free access for NSNA members on the NSNA LeadershipU web site [www.nснаleadershipU.org](http://www.nснаleadershipU.org)

### Barnes & Noble.com

The NSNA Online Bookstore, sponsored by *Barnes & Noble.com* offers NSNA members an additional 5% off on all orders, plus FREE standard shipping for orders over \$25. Watch for additional discounts announced via blast e-mail to members. The NSNA Online Bookstore features nursing and leadership titles and other eligible products such as college textbooks, music, and movies. To receive the discount, simply shop through the NSNA Bookstore at [www.bn.com/nsna](http://www.bn.com/nsna), discount is automatically calculated at checkout. A portion of sales revenue from The NSNA Bookstore supports the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Fund in the FNSNA.

## PRACTICAL SAVINGS

### Health and Accident Insurance

NSNA members and their eligible spouse and dependents can purchase group injury and sickness insurance provided by UnitedHealthcare StudentResources. The plan includes prescription drug coverage and continuation privilege for a period of up to nine months after graduation if eligible. It is affordable for students and their dependents. Available in most states. Please visit [www.uhcsr.com](http://www.uhcsr.com) for more information.

### Affordable Malpractice Protection

Nurses Service Organization (NSO) is the official NSNA-endorsed provider of professional liability insurance for nursing students. NSO offers students malpractice protection coverage up to \$1 million per occurrence, up to \$6 million annually, for only \$29 a year! After you graduate and begin to take on full nursing duties, you'll be eligible for a 50% discount off the full-time nurse's premium as a First-year Graduate (good for 12 months following graduation date). Visit [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com) for a fast, easy, secure on-line application.

### NSNA Credit Card Program

NSNA is proud to offer the NSNA Platinum Plus<sup>®</sup> credit card with WorldPoints<sup>®</sup> rewards, a no annual fee MasterCard<sup>®</sup> program that features competitive annual percentage rates as well as superior benefits and service. Every dollar in retail purchases equals one point, with no limit

to the points you can earn. Points can be redeemed for air travel, cash back, and much more. Request the only card that helps support NSNA with every purchase—at no cost to you! To apply, or for more information about the rates and terms, call 1-866-438-6262 and mention priority code FAAX5Q. Or log on to [www.newcardonline.com](http://www.newcardonline.com) to securely apply for the card.

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## AWARDS

### Scholarship Program

The NSNA Foundation offers scholarships annually to undergraduate nursing students. Members receive points for participating in NSNA. Scholarship recipients are recognized during the Annual Convention.

### Project InTouch

Project InTouch, NSNA's members-reaching-members contest, gives you a chance to win prizes by recruiting new members. Prizes include NCLEX review books, stethoscopes, subscription to RN Magazine, textbooks, and reference books. The grand prize is a trip to the NSNA convention, sponsored by RN Magazine and Delmar Cengage Learning.

## LEADERSHIP

### Awards and Recognition

NSNA members who contribute to the leadership development and advancement of nursing students and NSNA are recognized during the NSNA Annual Convention. You can be a part of NSNA's dynamic leadership team by participating in the many programs and competitions sponsored by NSNA and its contributors.

### NSNA Leadership U

The NSNA Leadership U recognizes the leadership and management skills that students learn by virtue of their participation in the NSNA. Through a partnership between students, faculty, and their schools, NSNA members who document their involvement in NSNA may receive academic credit for participating in NSNA leadership activities. They receive an NSNA Leadership U certificate in their senior year. Enjoy a virtual college life on [www.nsnaleadershipU.org](http://www.nsnaleadershipU.org) including interactive chats and bulletin boards. Web site sponsored by Decision Critical, Inc.

### An Opportunity for Involvement

NSNA members can get involved in their school chapters and state associations, as well as in NSNA. Involvement may include Breakthrough to Nursing Projects, community health activities, legislation and education activities, conventions, educational programs, newsletters, disaster planning and other shared-governance leadership opportunities. Through NSNA's Leadership U, NSNA members have access to a model that earns recognition for participation in NSNA activities. If your school does not have a chapter, NSNA will help you start one.

### NSNA Leadership Categories

If you are a student leader, please check off the position you hold at the school and state level on your membership application. By providing this information, you will receive special mailings, e-mail updates about NSNA's program activities and a recognition ribbon at the Convention and MidYear Conference.

### Who's in Charge of NSNA?

The voting body of NSNA is the House of Delegates, composed of nursing students representing NSNA's school and state constituents. The House of Delegates elects a Nominating and Elections Committee and the Board of Directors (all nursing students) each year to govern the association between conventions. A full-time staff is employed to assist in the implementation of NSNA's programs and projects.

*“Students can also get involved through Leadership University. Through the NSNA website there are details on getting credit for your leadership development, your active involvement in NSNA.”*

*—Carol Fetters Andersen,  
1991-92 NSNA President*

# Catch the Wave with NSNA

*"If you want to be a great nurse, a great nursing student, a great patient advocate, NSNA is a great avenue to get you in that direction."  
—John Arce, 2004-05 NSNA President*

## MORE TO COME

NSNA's membership benefits program is growing. Members are informed of new benefits in the news section of Imprint and through special mailings. As a member, you are kept well informed of the many benefits of belonging to NSNA.

## JOIN NSNA

### Eligibility and Cost of Membership

Nursing or pre-nursing students in any state-approved program preparing for registered nurse licensure, or registered nurses in a program leading to a baccalaureate in nursing, are eligible for membership. Nursing students in generic masters and doctoral programs can also join.

**NSNA dues are \$30 per year, plus state dues. New members receive a \$10 discount for their first year of application. Students choosing the convenient two-year membership option receive a \$10 discount (total two-year dues are \$50 plus two years state dues). The total national plus state dues are listed on the Dues Schedule.**

Your membership begins on the day your membership application is processed by NSNA. There are no refunds except for overpayments as per NSNA policy. Membership is not transferable.

## HISTORY OF THE NSNA

For 55 years, the National Student Nurses' Association has given nursing students experiences that can not be found anywhere else. 50 Years of the NSNA by Diane J. Mancino, celebrates the journey from a revolutionary idea to a powerful association. "Not for

Ourselves But for Others," a video documentary of the history of NSNA, highlights the historical context of the formation and achievements of the NSNA. Download order form from [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org), click on NSNA/FNSNA Online Order information.

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