

A Message from the Board



A Message from the President
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As we reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud of all that the National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN) has accomplished. Together, we continue to advance our mission of promoting excellence in school nursing through national certification, professional development, and support for the dedicated school nurses who make a difference in the lives of students every day.

This November, we celebrate YOU, the heart of school nursing and the foundation of NBCSN's mission. Thank you for the work you do, the knowledge you share, and the difference you make in the lives of students and school communities across the country.

Together, we are strengthening school nursing, advancing national certification, and building a stronger future for our profession.

If you are inspired to get involved, we would love to welcome you to one of our committees as a volunteer. There are many ways to share your talents, connect with fellow school nurses, and help shape the future of NBCSN. Learn more.

Read more about the accomplishments we have made throughout this year

Exam Development

As with the changing of the seasons, this is the time of the year that the Exam Development committee takes time to recognize the hard work of the various subject matter experts (SMEs) and plan for the upcoming year.

Thank you to our many wonderful SMEs who make a valid, rigorous NCSN certification exam possible!

View a snapshot of the yearly cycle of exam development

Outreach

Do You Know Who Your State Liaison Is?

Did you know that each state can have up to **two NBCSN State Liaisons?**

State Liaisons help strengthen the connection between NBCSN and nationally certified school nurses across the country. They serve as ambassadors for national certification, share information and resources, and help keep NCSNs in their states connected and engaged.

Do you know an NCSN in your state who is:

- Active in your state school nurse association?
- Well connected with other school nurses?
- A natural networker who enjoys building relationships?
- Someone who enjoys mentoring or encouraging others?
- Involved in professional development?
- Passionate about the NCSN credential?
- The person others turn to for information?
- A great communicator?
- Someone who would like to become more involved with NBCSN?

They could be a great fit for the State Liaison role! Or perhaps **you** are interested in getting more involved.

Help Us Strengthen Our State Liaison Network!
The NBCSN Outreach Committee is working to strengthen our State Liaison network, and we would love your help identifying enthusiastic NCSNs who can connect, support, and engage school nurses in their states.

Learn more about what our Outreach Committee has been up to and how you can get involved

Know someone who would be a great fit? Or interested in serving yourself? Complete our interest form

Recertification



Did you know that you can earn recertification credits through professional activities that do not involve traditional continuing education?

Professional activities can earn NCSN recertification credits beyond traditional continuing education (CE). Eligible activities include:

- **NBCSN Activities**: Problem Item Analysis calls, Item Review, Exam Review, and Item-Writing Workshops.
- **Leadership**: Serving as an officer or director of a state or national school nurse organization, an NBCSN Audit Committee member, or an NBCSN Liaison.
- **Professional Membership**: NASN membership.
- **Precepting**: Supervising student nurses in a school health setting.
- **Presentations**: Presenting unique professional education topics through CE programs or academic presentations.
- **Publications**: Publishing original articles in professional journals, peer reviewing professional journals or school nurse-related texts, serving on journal editorial boards, and authoring or editing chapters in school nurse-related texts.

View further information about recertification and CEUs

Exam Prep



Just a word of caution! There are many study guides available online through third-party vendors, which say they are 'Study Guides for the NCSN exam'. Always beware of those guides which 'guarantee' results!
***NBCSN cannot control random companies from producing "NCSN study guides."**

Unauthorized NCSN Certification Review Books may contain inaccurate, outdated, incomplete, or misleading information that does not reflect the current NCSN exam content outline or testing standards. Use of these materials may negatively impact exam preparation and performance.

NBCSN study materials are developed by school nurse subject matter experts (SME's) have been evaluated and critically reviewed for accuracy and approval. To ensure you are utilizing accurate and up-to-date study resources, NBCSN strongly recommends purchasing NCSN Certification Review Books directly through NBCSN.org.

Read more and view approved exam prep materials

General Info

As we approach the end of 2026, now is the time to start thinking about your plans for 2027. The Spring 2027 exam will be held March 1 through April 4, 2027. The application opens on Monday, November 23rd. Click here to learn more.

Not sure how to start preparing for the NCSN Exam? Start here.

Follow the official NBCSN LinkedIn page!

If you are still following the previous NBCSN page, please unfollow it and follow the official page instead.

We'd also appreciate it if you shared this message with your network to help us stay connected and ensure everyone is following the correct page. Thank you for your support!



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