

A Message from the Board

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Spring is a season of renewal, and at NBCSN, that is reflected in the steady growth of our community. Whether you are a long-time NCSN or currently preparing for your exam, your dedication continues to move the school nursing profession forward.

We are proud to announce a significant milestone! We now have over 6,200 NCSNs nationwide. We look forward to celebrating this milestone as we gather in Las Vegas this summer!

Our outreach efforts are also seeing record success. With 49 out of 50 states now supported by State Liaisons, nearly every corner of the country has a local connection to national certification. **We are still seeking representatives for Kentucky! We would love to welcome your expertise to the leadership team.**

Contribute to our mission!

Exam Development

Spring is in the air which means one thing for the Exam Development Committee: Exam Review!

A special thank you to the 25 volunteers (or subject matter experts - SMEs) who are diligently reviewing through the upcoming exam items. Did you know that **every part** of the NCSN exam is developed by NCSNs who are subject matter experts (SMEs)? Our SMEs work on a variety of projects throughout the year. Your experience and perspective matter so if you are interested in working on projects with NCSN SMEs across the nation, please apply here.

We would also like to welcome Robin Newberg as she will be co-chairing the Exam Development Committee with Eden Donahue!

Learn More

Outreach

Interested in Becoming an NBCSN State Liaison?

Outreach through the State Liaison Program continues to play a vital role in expanding awareness and engagement across the NBCSN community. We are proud to share that **49 out of 50 states are now represented by liaisons**, a significant increase from 41 states last year. This growth reflects the dedication of certified school nurses who are committed to promoting national certification and supporting their peers.

Liaisons serve as ambassadors for NBCSN—advocating for certification, encouraging professional growth, and connecting with school nurses across their state. At this time, **only Kentucky remains unrepresented**, and we are actively seeking NCSNs in that state. If you are interested in stepping up to serve in a leadership role, please complete this Liaison Application and we will provide you with the support you need.

Participation in outreach efforts continues to grow, with several new representatives joining and actively engaging in our February town hall zoom meeting. Liaisons participate in these quarterly sessions by sending in a brief report to update the Outreach Committee of things happening within their state and are encouraged to attend. We look forward to the next town hall, scheduled for **May 19th**.

Discover more and view a variety of practical outreach tools and resources

Verify Certification Tool: Confirm certification status by searching for a name or state

State Liaison Directory: View current liaison coverage across the country

Recertification

In January, we welcomed several new members to the Recertification Committee. These individuals join our current team of auditors who generously volunteer their time to review recertification applications selected for audit.

Audits are conducted on a random basis to ensure that Nationally Certified School Nurses (NCSNs) continue to meet high professional standards. During the audit process, continuing education credits (CEUs) and clinical practice hours are verified for accuracy and compliance with recertification requirements. This process helps protect the credibility of the certification, supports ongoing professional competence, and ensures continued compliance with accreditation standards.

View further information about recertification and CEUs

Exam Prep

Summer is a great time to prepare for the NCSN exam! If you are considering taking the summer test, the upcoming registration window is **now open** and closes on June 9, 2026. The testing window runs from July 9 through August 16, 2026.

Preparation can begin now by reviewing the many resources available to help you get ready for the exam. The Study Roadmap will guide you to the recommended textbooks and key study materials.

Additional resources are found here.

The 2025 digital edition of the *School Nursing Certification Review* book, by Janice Selekman, DNSc, RN, NCSN, FNASN, and Elizabeth Knox, MSN, RN, NCSN, CPHN, NE-BC, is available for purchase through the NBCSN application site. To purchase, visit the NBCSN Exam Prep website for additional details.

Exam Prep Materials

Call for Volunteers: Exam Prep Committee

NBCSN is seeking enthusiastic members to serve on the Exam Prep Committee. This committee plays an important role in supporting certification candidates by helping develop and review exam preparation resources, study tools, and educational content.

Serving on the Exam Prep Committee is a meaningful way to share your expertise, expand your professional network, and support excellence in school nursing. If you're ready to make an impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Please complete the application if you are interested

General Info

Las Vegas is calling, and NASN2026 is going to shine!

We cannot wait to see you at the NASN2026 Conference in Las Vegas. There is nothing better than gathering our school nurse community in one place to celebrate excellence, dedication, and the power of certification.

We are especially excited to share that, back by popular demand, Dr. Janice Selekman will once again present a full day NCSN Live Review Course on pre-conference day, Sunday, June 28. This comprehensive review is ideal for nurses preparing to sit for the NCSN exam. Registration details are available on the NASN2026 conference website, and you do not need to attend the full conference to participate in this session.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!



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