

## A Message from the Board



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Hello NCSN Community,

I am Robin Shannon, President of the National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN) for 2022. A big shout out to Brenna Morse for her inspired leadership as NBCSN President in 2021. Thanks, Brenna!

On behalf of NBCSN, we thank each of you for all you do for school nursing and to keep our school communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted our work and lives so significantly. NCSNs have more than proved their leadership, clinical acumen, and public health nursing expertise during these extraordinary times. YOU ROCK!



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## Membership News



### [Outreach Committee Update](#)

The Outreach Committee has expanded our circle of NCSN State Liaisons. We have a wonderful group of NCSN ambassadors sharing the importance of national certification with our colleagues across the country. Interest in certification is rising rapidly. We appreciate every NCSN because of your pride and enthusiasm, this designation is recognized as the gold standard of practice.

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Looking to recertify? Please take a look at the NBCSN approved continuing education to add to your recertification application.

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## Be Sure to Follow NBCSN on Our New Social Media Channels

Be sure to FOLLOW NBCSN on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for information about exams, certification, test dates, updates & more!



## [Applications Opening Soon for Summer 2022 Exam](#)

NBCSN will be accepting applications for the Summer 2022 exam on or about March 18, 2022. The summer exam will be administered from July 7 - August 3, 2022. The exam is still offered via remote proctor and testing facility.

### [What's New?](#)

Please note, NBCSN has new application rates:

\$370	Applications submitted no later than May 23, 2022.
\$390	Applications submitted between May 23 - June 7, 2022.
\$440	Applications submitted between June 7 - June 21, 2022.

June 21, 2022, is the last day in the Summer exam registration window.

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## Exam Development



### [National Certification for School Nurses Exam Development Update](#)

Welcome to 2022! We know that the past year has been full of changes, including some exciting changes with the National Certification for School Nurses (NCSN) exam. Last year, thanks to a dedicated group of subject matter experts (SMEs), the NCSN exam was thoroughly updated.

But that's not all. After listening to your feedback and working over the past year, we are happy to announce that for 2022 and beyond, the NCSN exam will be scored **immediately!** This means that future NCSNs will be able to see an unofficial test score after completing the test and will receive the official results in a few days or weeks. That's right, the days of waiting months for your NCSN exam results are over!

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## Resources



### [Certification Examination for School Nurses Handbook for Candidates](#)

Be sure to review the NCSN handbook for important information regarding the NCSN exam and recertification.

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## [NBCSN Research](#)

Is your school incorporating mindfulness practices for students and staff?

While mindfulness is not a substitute for mental health treatment, mindfulness in the school setting can improve student self-regulation, emotional regulation, classroom behavior, cognitive function, and academic performance. Participation in mindfulness practice over time can even change brain structure and neural activity. Despite the many benefits, teachers do not often receive training in mindfulness practices.

Recently, Dr. Kristen Munk RN, NCSN, Dr. Ruth Rosenblum, Dr. Samantha Blackburn, and Dr. Eden Donahue RN, NCSN (NBCSN board member and exam committee chair) conducted an educational intervention project with teachers-in-training to promote mindfulness practices in the classroom.

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