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## A Message from the Board



A Message from the President Eden Donahue, DNP, RN, PHN, NCSN

Hello NBCSN Community,

As the number of NCSNs continues to increase, the NBCSN board has also increased from an eight-person to a nine-person board. This year, we welcomed two new board members: Lori Haapala (WV), who is chair of the



new Exam Preparation Committee, and Melissa Lassen (NC), who is chair of the Recertification Committee. I was able to join Sandi Delack, NBCSN's new Executive Director, at the School Superintendents Association conference in February to share the importance of having Nationally Certified School Nurses (NCSNs) in each district.

One of my priorities as NBCSN President is to further develop NBCSN's commitment and actions to support diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for those who are NCSNs and those who are not yet NCSNs. Stay tuned for more updates! If you would like to work with other NCSNs across the nation, consider joining one of NBCSN's committees as each aspect of the certification process involves NCSNs contributing their knowledge to further certification and excellence in school nursing.

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# Membership News



#### <u>Outreach Committee Update - March 2024</u>

NBCSN's Outreach team consists of up to 2 liaisons per state. With the addition of 7 new volunteers in 2024, we now have 52 liaisons in 41 states. Our state liaisons promote certification in their state and serve as a resource for potential candidates. This can be done by submitting articles to your state's newsletter about the NCSN, displaying NCSN information at state-level meetings via an exhibit booth or other creative means, and encouraging or facilitating online or in-person study groups for nurses who are preparing to sit for the exam. The Outreach Committee is making future plans to host a quarterly online check-in meeting where liaisons will be able to interact with each other, share ideas and successes, and collaborate on future initiatives.

If you are an NCSN in CT, HI, KS, KY, LA, MO, MT, ND, or TN (list of states with openings) and looking for a way to get involved and help promote certification, we want to hear from you! Please GO HERE to learn more and apply.

We are looking forward to the NASN Conference in Chicago this June 28-July 1. We'll be celebrating our NCSNs with a reception on Friday evening. We'll also recognize outstanding achievement with NCSN Liaison of the Year. Hope to see you there!

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### Recertification



#### **Recertification Updates**

Helpful Information For Recertification

- Please make sure that your nursing license is current at the time of recertification
- Please make sure that your name is included on the CEU certificate. Recertification is delayed when we

have to request that your name be placed on the CEU certificate

- Please make sure that the credit you are claiming is related to school health
- CEU courses may only be counted one time during the certification period. You are unable to count the same course even if taken a couple years apart on the same certification time frame
- NASN membership cards should be uploaded annually
- It is much more convenient to upload the continuing education activities as you receive them

Here is a link for FAQs regarding recertification: **HERE** 

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## General Info



#### 2024 Exam Dates

The 2024 exam dates will be as follows:

- Summer Testing Window: July 8 August 11, 2024
  Registration Window: April 3 June 7, 2024
- Fall Testing Window: October 24 November 24, 2024 Registration Window: August 12 – September 24, 2024

#### See you at the NASN2024 Conference

We hope to see you at this year's NASN Annual Conference. Watch for information about our reception on June 28th and plan to visit our booth in the exhibit hall. Event information can be found HERE on the NASN Annual Conference website.

### JTA Update

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with our JTA. That information will be used to ensure our exam is a reflection of the important work of school nurses.

#### New from PSI

Test takers can now receive text messages regarding their exam. Be sure to sign up for the SMS messages when scheduling your exam.

#### Social Media Update

NBCSN has created a New LinkedIn Company Page. Please follow our new company page in order to stay connected and stay updated on all NBCSN, NCSN Exam information, and our provided resources.

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