



*Board of Members annual conference
planning committee*

Who We Are

CIOCNS Vision:

Shaping and influencing the future of Clinical Nurse Specialist practice by respecting our foundations, disseminating evidence based knowledge and sharing resources through networking.

Contact Us:

Web: <http://www.ciocns.org/contact-us.php>

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Understand what the role of a student liaison is in the Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Understand how this role helps to elevate the practice of CNSs
- Understand the student perspective of the partnership project
- Understand the organization perspective of the learning of partnership project

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STUDENT LIASION BOARD MEMBERS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

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Background:

There was not an identified role for students. Students needed a voice in the Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists.

What is the Purpose?

CNS student liaison role provides an opportunity for bidirectional learning and ensuring the succession of the board of directors (BOD). This relationship fosters learning, as well as goal attainment toward fulfilling the vision of the organization. This collaboration finds its purpose for the CNS student in involvement and membership within the organization, and bridges the gap between student and professional through mentorship, professional growth, and leadership opportunities

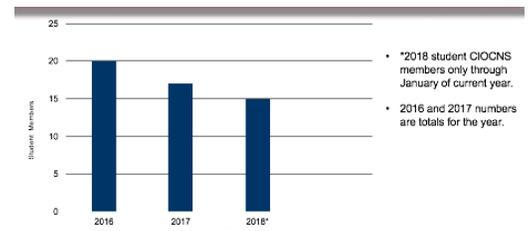
Procedure:

Student member is able to engage in board meetings, organization projects, and strategic planning. Projects included; collaboration with website updates specific to student needs, annual CIOCNS conference planning, and business meeting participation. Additionally, the BOD supported one student in participating in a National Leadership conference.

“The expert is anything; but was once a beginner”

Results:

Students involved in this inaugural year have been given the opportunity to create lasting relationships, network within the Central Indiana area, build confidence in competencies within the new role, and increase their knowledge of operational roles within a professional organization. Students indicated a willingness to continue future involvement with the organization and encourage other students to take part in the organization to promote the CNS role.



Student Attrition

How does this help future CNSs:

This project has given the students a new perspective on the importance of their role as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and as a member of a professional organization. With new healthcare reform and the new APRN consensus model, it is imperative that the CNSs have a strong foundation of connectedness to each other to advocate for our profession. Creating quality learning experiences, collaboration, and promoting the CNS role are all concepts that this experience fostered to enhance the student CNS and to bridge the gaps between new and established practice.

