The role of the CNS: Findings from the 2020 Census

**Practice**

- CNSs provide care in a range of specialties. Based on responses from the CNS Compensation and the ANCC Magnet Program Survey, CNSs work in 11 different clinical specialties.
- The number of CNSs is growing. The number of CNSs has increased by 8.6% since 2018.
- Most CNSs work in hospitals. The majority of CNSs work in hospitals, with 72.5% working in this setting.

**Employment**

- CNSs who work in hospitals have responsibility for more than one unit.
- More than half (56.9%) of CNSs have responsibility for more than one unit, but often take the lead on system-wide projects or oversight of system-wide programs like a Stroke Program.

**Salary**

- CNSs can earn a higher salary. Based on responses from 2475 CNSs who seek accreditation, most CNSs are seeking Magnet status.
- The annual salary from your CNS position is influenced by factors such as education level, years of experience, and location.

**Education**

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**Reimbursement**

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