



## **Why You Should Join NACNS**

The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) is the organization solely dedicated to the interests of the clinical nurse specialist. Since 1995, this volunteer-led organization has served its members to advance their unique expertise and value the clinical nurse specialist contributions to health care. With over 1,500 members, including those who are both pre- and post-licensure, NACNS provides a premier opportunity to network and collaborate at a national level with other CNSs to help unify our diverse role.

Key Actions of the NACNS organization include:

1. Helping to promote legislation and regulation to ensure title protection for the CNS.
2. Developing and enhancing the consensus model to establish an individualized category for the CNS as an advanced practice registered nurse
3. Creating visibility for the role to healthcare organizations and how this role in particular helps to reduce length of stay, adverse outcomes, and promote cost-effective care.

In addition to being the main platform for the CNS, this organization offers specialized education, journal publications, advocacy opportunities and resources, and recognizes its members for their contributions made to NACNS and healthcare. There are opportunities for scholarships and grants, discounts on specialty certifications, and to network with other CNSs virtually and at the annual conference.

We encourage you to take a closer look at our organization at the following website:

<https://nacns.org/get-involved/become-a-member/>