NACNS 2026 Annual Conference Agenda At-a-Glance

ALL TIMES IN US Pacific Time

Program schedule is subject to change.
CE details available in 2026.
*Exhibit Hall will **not** be open during sessions.*

Sunday, March 8, 2026

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	**Speaker Upload Station Open**

Monday, March 9, 2026

9:30 AM – 6:00 PM	**Registration Open**
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	**Speaker Upload Station Open**
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	**General Session | Opening Ceremony** *NACNS President Rick Bassett, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, FCNS*
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	**General Session | Opening Keynote** *Penelope Gorsuch, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, EBP (CH), FACHE*
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	**Exhibitor Set Up & Move In**
1:10 PM – 2:10 PM	**CNO Panel** *Penelope Gorsuch, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, EBP (CH), FACHE, Gabriella Malagon-Maldonado, PhD, DNP, APRN, CNS, NEA-BC, and MaryAnn Moon*
2:25 PM – 2:55 PM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
2:55 PM – 3:25 PM	**Networking Coffee Break**
3:30 PM – 5:10 PM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	**Offsite Welcome Reception** *San Diego Wine & Culinary Center* *200 West Harbor Drive #120*

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	**Student Poster Session A | Set-Up**
7:15 AM – 5:30 PM	**Registration Open**

7:30 AM – 1:30 PM	**Speaker Upload Station Open**
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	**Attendee Exhibitor Networking Breakfast**
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	**NACNS Business Meeting & Breakfast**
8:40 AM – 9:10 AM	**General Session | Awards & Current President Remarks** *NACNS President Rick Bassett, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, FCNS*
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	**General Session | Enhancing the Application and Workflow of EBP through AI**
10:50 AM – 11:20 AM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
11:25 AM – 12:05 PM	**Student Poster Session A Presentations & Networking Break**
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	**Explore San Diego | Lunch on Your Own**
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	**Student Networking Lunch (Sponsored by ANCC & AACN)** **Students only - add within your registration!*
1:35 PM – 2:35 PM	**Think Tank Research Focus Group #1 & #2**
1:35 PM – 3:15 PM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	**Student Poster Session B Presentations & Networking Break**
4:05 PM – 5:05 PM	**Think Tank Research Focus Group #3 & #4**
4:05 PM – 5:10 PM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	**CNSI 10th ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION & CNSI FELLOW INDUCTION DINNER** **All NACNS Conference attendees and NACNS members are invited to register for the 10th Anniversary GALA Celebration & CNSI Fellow Induction Dinner. Tickets available in registration.*

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	**Professional Poster Session C | Set-Up**
7:30 AM – 5:10 PM	**Registration Open**
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	**Speaker Upload Station Open**
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	**Attendee Exhibitor Networking Breakfast**
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	**DEI Forum & Breakfast**
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	**CNSI Town Hall & Breakfast**
9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	**Professional Poster Session C Presentations & Networking Break**
9:55 AM – 10:15 AM	**Professional Poster Session C | Breakdown**
10:00 AM – 11:05 AM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	**General Session | Awards and Incoming President Remarks** *NACNS President-Elect Jackeline Iseler, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE*
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	**Focus Group Sponsored by Cardinal Health**
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	**CNS Elevate Round Table Discussion | Bring Your Own Lunch**
12:10 PM – 1:30 PM	**Explore San Diego | Lunch on Your Own**
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	**Professional Poster Session D | Set-Up**
1:40 PM – 3:20 PM	**Concurrent Breakouts**
3:25 PM – 4:10 PM	**Professional Poster Session D Presentations & Networking Break**
4:10 PM – 4:30 PM	**Exhibitor & Posters Final Breakdown & Move Out**
4:15 PM – 5:20 PM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	**Leadership Reception** **Invite Only*
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	**Offsite Activities** *More details to come soon!*

Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	**Registration Open**
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Attendee Networking Breakfast**
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	**Affiliate Breakfast**
9:10 AM – 10:15 AM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
9:10 AM – 10:10 AM	**Center for Implementation Science Session | Empowering Practice Through Implementation Science: Clarity, Myths, and Impact** *Dr. Molly McNett, Associate Dean at The Ohio State University*
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	**Attendee Networking Break**
10:35 AM – 11:40 AM	**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	**General Session | Closing Keynote** *Marian Altman, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN*
1:00 PM – 1:20 PM	**General Session | Closing Ceremony & Poster Awards** *NACNS President-Elect Jackeline Iseler, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE*

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