Benefits of Professional Membership
NASN, VASN, & National Certification

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**Vision:** NASN is the leader in advocacy for student health and professional development of school nurses. Every child deserves a school nurse.

**Core Purpose/Mission:** The National Association of School Nurses supports the health and educational success of children and youth by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice by specialized registered nurses.

**Core Values:** Scholarship, Excellence, Integrity, Collegiality, and Diversity

**Overall Goal:** NASN will work with affiliates to strengthen and solidify a membership that is driven toward excellence in school nursing practice.
Strategic Goals:

Member Programs and Resources: NASN will be its members' primary and indispensable resource for school health programs, services, and experiences.

Advocacy: NASN will be an influential advocate for safe and effective school health services.

Public Relations: NASN will be the expert voice of information on school health services.

Research: NASN will improve the reliability, quality, and accessibility of school health data to promote research and knowledge development in child health and school health. Solidify NASN as the authority on evidence-based school nursing practice.
The Definition of School Nursing:

"School nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well being, academic success, and life-long achievement of students. To that end, school nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy, and learning."
Representation:

NASN represents school nurses on national and federal committees which affect health services to children:
- American Academy of Pediatrics/School Health Committee;
- National Education Association (NEA)/Health Information Network;
- Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)/Partners for Children Coalition;
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/Division of Adolescent and School Health;
- CDC/Immunization Division, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asthma Triggers.

In addition, NASN supplies written and oral testimony to Congress about school health services on request and advises members of federal legislation affecting school health services.
BENEFITS OF NASN

- Educational and Informational resources reserved for NASN Members only!
- Substantial member discounts on conferences, services and products.
- Direct Representation from the Board of Directors nationwide.
- Toll free numbers to reach NASN's qualified staff.
Continuing Education
NASN offers educational opportunities and programs for the school nurse. These are provided to NASN members free or at a reduced cost and include NASN's Annual Conference, numerous live Continuing Education Programs, and Online Modules.

Journal of School Nursing
The Journal is included as part of your NASN membership. It is published six (6) times a year and features articles on clinical subjects and current issues in school nursing, health, and education. In addition, members can access archives of the Journal online.
NASN Newsletter
The *NASN School Nurse* is included as part of your NASN membership. It is published six (6) times a year and provides up-to-date information on current School Nursing issues and available resources.

NASN Weekly Digest
NASN's *Weekly Digest* is an electronic e-news communication published by NASN for our valued member audience.
Resources
Various resources are available to Members Only on the NASN web site (www.nasn.org). These include: Free Sight for Students Vision Service Plan vouchers; Seizure Action Plan; Emergency Plan for a Student with Diabetes; Pandemic Flu Information; Certification Preparation; and School Wellness Policies. The NASN Bookstore has numerous school nursing publications and other items available at special member discounts.
Electronic Discussion Lists & Networking
NASN's electronic Discussion Lists, for members only, provide networking opportunities among sub-specialty school nursing groups. NASN also has two Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that are an important part of the Association. SIGs serve their membership in a number of ways including contributing articles of interest to the NASN Newsletter and organizing a business meeting at the NASN Annual Conference each year. NASN members can join a SIG by simply checking the appropriate box on the NASN application form or by contacting the NASN office. No additional dues are required.
Awards, Grants & Scholarships

NASN supports school nursing practice through recognition awards, fellowships, research grants & awards, educational scholarships, legislative awards, new member conference scholarships, and member recruitment scholarship drawings. Learn more about these opportunities available to NASN member by visiting the Awards, Grants & Scholarships page on this site.
Collaborations
Occasionally, NASN makes their list of member names and street addresses available to carefully screened companies and organizations who offer items that may be of interest in your profession. In addition, NASN may partner with a group who offers a service or program that will support NASN members in their practice such as Vision Service Plan's *Sight for Students* program. Members who prefer NOT to receive mailings from screened companies or information about groups NASN has partnered with, may notify NASN of this preference on their membership application or by contacting NASN.
A VSP COUPON, WHICH YOU HAVE ACCESS TO AS A NASN MEMBER IS EQUIVALENT TO $300.00 EACH. THE MAXIMUM VSP COUPONS YOU CAN GET AT ONE TIME IS 25. YOUR TOTAL GIFT FOR OUR DISTRICT IS $2500.00 FOR A FEE OF $129.50 AND YOU ALSO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF NASN. YOU CAN REORDER VSP COUPONS AS NEEDED. IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER BENEFITS I HAVE LISTED.
A THOUGHT TO PONDER

FOR EVERY NASN MEMBERSHIP, NASN GIVES $35.00 BACK TO OUR STATE ORGANIZATION. THEY ALSO HAVE AN ENDOWMENT FUND THAT WILL HELP CURRENT MEMBERS WITH FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION, MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC. OUR STATE IS ALSO ABLE TO HOLD A STATE CONFERENCE EVERY 18 MONTHS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NASN, SO THAT LOCAL SCHOOL NURSES CAN GET CEUs AND BE ABLE TO KEEP UP ON THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE NATIONALLY WITHOUT LEAVING THE AREA.
School Nursing is a specialty in itself.
You will utilize skills from every aspect of nursing that you can ever imagine, things that you were taught but thought you won’t use: WRONG ANSWER.....
Here are some of the issues you will deal with on a daily basis:
Medical –Surgical
Oncology
Pediatrics
Gerontology
Psychology
Psychiatrics
Pharmacology
Urology
Counseling
Neurology
Genetics
Emergency Medicine
As you step into the next chapter of your professional career….I wish you the best of luck and hope you will know that this job will give you the autonomy that you have been longing for. You will always have resources but, you will be able to advance your practice farther than you could ever imagine.

SCHOOL NURSING ROCKS!!!