



INTNSA

International Nurses Society on Addictions

Who are we?

Professional specialty organization for nurses committed to the prevention, intervention, treatment, and management of addictive disorders:

- alcohol/ drug dependencies
- nicotine dependencies
- eating disorders
- dual/ multiple diagnosis
- process addictions such as gambling.

History

- Founded in 1975 - provisional component of the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA), initially named the National Nurses Society on Alcoholism (NNSA).
- Renamed the National Nurses Society on Addictions.
- 1997 merged with the Drug and Alcohol Nurses Association and the Consolidated Association of Nurses in Substance Abuse (CANSA).
- Joining of the three organizations symbolized in the current logo.



- The organization's name was changed to the International Nurses Society on Addictions with the vision to be a global leader in addictions nursing.

Membership – Registered Nurses

Level	Rate	Rights
Regular, Full U.S. RN	\$140	Vote, hold office
International, Full RN	\$170	Vote, hold office
Retired ≥ 62 years and retired	\$100	Vote
Student Enrolled in nursing program	\$75	May serve on committees
Disabled	\$100	Vote

Membership, Continued

Level	Rate	Description
Associate	\$120	Licensed Vocational/Practical Nurse (May serve on committees)
Affiliate - Individual	\$150	Person interested in additions nursing
National Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-100 • 101-200 • 200+ 	\$85 each \$80 each \$75 each	Conference and product discounts are mid-point between full member and non-member rate. Individuals can pay the difference to get full membership will all benefits.
International Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-100 • 101-200 • 200+ 	\$105 each \$100 each \$95 each	

Member Benefits



Educational Opportunities and Resources

IntNSA's hallmark is the Annual Educational Conference. The conference offers:

- Cutting-edge topics
- Continuing Education credits
- Networking opportunities
- Social activities.

Year/Date	Location	Theme
2001 Sept. 11-14	Niagara Falls, Canada	Advancing Addictions Nursing Practice in the 21 st Century
2002 Sept. 24-28	San Antonio, Texas	Forging Frontiers in Addictions Nursing
2003 Nov. 5-8	Baltimore, Maryland	Promoting Partnerships for Change in Education, Research, & Service for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (with AMERSA)
2004 Oct. 13-16	San Diego, California	Addictions and Nursing Practice: A Global View
2005 Sept. 7-10	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Commemorating Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Charting Our Future
2006 Sept. 28-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Nursing: Leadership in Addiction Treatment and Prevention
2007 Oct/11-13	Arlington, Virginia	Advocacy and Addictions Nursing: Influencing Policy and Practice
2008 Oct. 10-13	Atlanta Georgia	Addiction Nursing and the Public's Health: Healthy People 2010 Initiatives
2009 Sept.30-Oct.3	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment: Working with the Criminal Justice Systems
2010 Oct. 20-23	Old Greenwich, Connecticut	Learning from Each Other: A Global Perspective on Addictions
2011 Sept. 7-10	Tucson, Arizona	In conjunction with the American Society of Pain Management Nursing - Management of Pain & Addictions: Broadening Our Perspectives

Publications and News

- **Journal of Addictions Nursing**
 - The official journal of IntNSA, a peer-reviewed, quarterly, international journal, indexed and abstracted in numerous databases. Includes original articles on current research, issues, practices and innovations related to the field of addictions.
- **IntNSA NewsWave**
 - Print newsletter mailed quarterly to members relaying information about IntNSA's activities throughout the year.
- **IntNSA e-News**
 - Electronic newsletter sent to members with email accounts, on or about the 15th of each month with special editions as needed. The IntNSA e-news relays information about the organization, addictions nursing, or addictions in general.

Volunteer to take part!

- A strong volunteer structure is essential to every society.
- Join a committee or task force.
- Submit an article for *IntNSA Today* or the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*.
- Offer your ideas, share your experiences, help the organization stay in tune with the needs of our members.

Foundation for Addictions Nursing (FAN)

- FAN is dedicated to stewardship of IntNSA, serves to support leadership and growth of the organization.
- Financial contributions: utilized to support scholarship and research by IntNSA members - the life-blood of addictions nursing.
 - Lois Widley Scholarships supports nursing students attending the Annual Educational Conference.
 - Cathy Buffington Memorial Scholarship for registration for a nurse who would otherwise not be able to attend (need-based)
 - IntNSA Research Grant provides support for researchers at any level - novice to experienced.

Certification in Addictions Nursing

- Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN)
- Certified Addictions Registered Nurse - Advanced Practice (CARN-AP)
- Examinations are implemented by the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB).
- Examinations are designed to determine and recognize the ability to apply knowledge from nursing and related disciplines to the care of persons with problems resulting from patterns of abuse, dependence, and all aspects of addictions.

Certification in Addictions Nursing

- December 1989 - Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB) administered the first certification examination in addictions for Registered Nurses.
- Mastery on the examination led to a Certified Addictions Registered Nurse, or the CARN.
- The purpose of this certification is to promote the highest standards of addictions nursing practice.

CARN Eligibility & Fees

- **Current, full, and unrestricted license as a registered nurse**
- **Three years experience as an RN, and within the three years prior to the application, a minimum of 2000 hours of nursing experience related to addictions.**
- **Fee:**
 - **IntNSA members - \$195**
 - **IntNSA New members \$335**
 - **Non-members - \$395**

CARN-AP Eligibility & Fees

- Current CARN certification or meets eligibility criteria for CARN
- Master's degree or higher in nursing
- Minimum of 500 hours of supervised direct client contact in advanced clinical practice in addictions/psychiatric/mental health nursing. All 500 hours may be earned while in the master's program.
- Fee:
 - IntNSA members - \$295
 - IntNSA New members - \$435
 - Non-members - \$495

Value of Nursing Certification

- Deemed Status granted in 1997 to North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board (NCSAPCB) recognizing the CARN with master's degree or CARN-AP.
- Protecting the Health of the Public
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We hope to see you at the 2011 Annual Educational Conference

In Conjunction with the American
Society of pain Management Nursing
(ASPMN)

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