



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 | \$120 | Vote, hold office |
| International, Full RN | \$140 | Vote, hold office |
| Retired ≥ 62 years and retired | \$90 | Vote |
| Student Enrolled in nursing program | \$75 | May serve on committees |
| Disabled | \$90 | Vote |

Membership, Continued

| Level | Rate | Description |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Associate | \$100 | Licensed Vocational/Practical Nurse (May serve on committees) |
| Affiliate - Individual | \$100 | Person interested in addictions nursing |
| Corporate | \$1000 | Organization, agency, corporation, etc. with interest in addictions 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



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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. 27-30 | Old Greenwich, Connecticut | Focus on Global Issues |
| 2011 Sept.10-13 | Tucson, Arizona | In conjunction with the American Society of Pain Management Nursing |

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 Today**
 - 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 4000 hours of nursing experience related to addictions.**
- **Fee:**
 - **IntNSA members - \$175**
 - **Non-members - \$275**

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 - \$275**
 - **Non-members - \$375**

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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