

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & HIGHLIGHTS



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Thank you to all newly joined members, renewed members, and all of the hard working recruiters that have raised NSNA's membership to over 51,000. Your commitment and dedication have proven to be a valuable key in keeping our incredible membership going strong. Don't forget to continue encouraging your classmates to join or renew, and always share

your NSNA experiences with potential new members—even pre-nursing students (who are also eligible for membership).

## Attention Project InTouch Recruiters

Congratulations to membership recruiters! Your diligent work has resulted in over 1,500 new members (at press time). Remember that membership forms for the 2008–2009 contest must be received at NSNA by February 18, 2009. Although there are many great prizes along the way, the Grand Prize is an expense-paid trip to the 57th Annual Convention in Nashville, TN sponsored by Delmar Cengage Learning and RN Magazine! For more details, visit *Recruitment Tools* under the *Membership* section at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org).

## Convention Alert & Deadlines

Annual Convention will take place on April 15–19, 2009. The Convention Alert page online can be found by clicking on *Annual Convention* under the *Meetings* section at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org). Don't forget that all school and state chapters must apply for **official constituency status** annually. The deadline for having ten members in a school is eight weeks prior to convention (February 18, 2009). Schools must have a minimum of ten members on the NSNA roster on the cut-off date and states must have at least two constituent schools to qualify for constituency. Find the Official Constituency Application for Constituency Status on page 35 of *Getting the Pieces to Fit*, which can be accessed on [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) under *Publications*.

Also under the *Publications* section online is the Awards & Honors Booklet, which contains important deadlines that are coming up. The Leader of Leaders nominations are due on February 18, 2009. The Award, sponsored by Elsevier, is presented to an outstanding dean, faculty advisor, or state consultant who demonstrates distinguished support and service to nursing students. March 16, 2009 is the deadline for the following awards: Community Health, Legislation/Education, Empowering Resolutions, Breakthrough to Nursing®, Image of Nursing, Disaster Preparedness, and Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence. See the Awards Booklet for criteria on each of these awards.

There are many great opportunities to get involved and get prepared. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

## NSNA Membership Benefits



NSNA members have an opportunity to maximize their leadership potential thus enhance their career development through NSNA's Leadership U, [www.nsnaleadershipu.org](http://www.nsnaleadershipu.org).

NSNA members have access to a model that earns recognition—and in some cases school credit – for participation in NSNA activities. The leadership and management skills developed can be transferred to the work setting as well as to professional associations upon graduation from nursing school. Log on to access the Leadership Library, Chat rooms, and free access to Critical Portfolio™.



## Critical Portfolio™

This first of its kind, web-based portfolio management solution provides nursing professionals and students with an automated and organized professional portfolio—accessible anytime, anywhere. The Critical Portfolio™ solution allows for personal, customized portfolios that include education case logs, papers, memberships, NSNA activities, resumes, and more! Additionally, it provides the owner with reminders of upcoming education, credential, and license renewal requirements. Free access for NSNA members on [www.nsnaleadershipu.org](http://www.nsnaleadershipu.org). Your NSNA membership number is your ID number. Default password (case sensitive): NSNA. You will be prompted to select a new password.



## Health and Accident Insurance

NSNA members and their eligible spouse and dependents can purchase group injury and sickness insurance provided by UnitedHealthcare Student Resources. The plan includes prescription drug coverage and continuation privilege for a period of up to nine months after graduation if eligible. It is affordable for students and their dependents. Available in most states. Visit [www.uhcsr.com](http://www.uhcsr.com) for more information.



## Malpractice Insurance

Nurses Service Organization (NSO) is the official NSNA-endorsed provider of professional liability insurance for nursing students. NSO offers students malpractice protection coverage, up to \$1 million per occurrence, up to \$6 million annually, for only \$29 a year! After you graduate and begin to take on full nursing duties, you'll be eligible for a 50% discount off the full-time nurse's premium as a first-year graduate (good for 12 months following graduation date). Visit [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com) for more information.



## Barnes & Noble Online Bookstore

The NSNA Online Bookstore, sponsored by Barnes & Noble.com, offers NSNA members 5% off on all orders, plus free standard shipping when you spend \$25 or more. Watch for additional discounts announced via blast e-mail to members. The NSNA Online Bookstore features nursing and leadership titles and other eligible products such as college textbooks, music and movies. To receive the discount, simply shop through the NSNA Bookstore at [www.bn.com/nsna](http://www.bn.com/nsna) (discounts automatically calculated when you checkout). A portion of sales revenues from the NSNA Bookstore will help fund nursing school grants in the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development program.

## Catch the Wave with NSNA

Remember to check out the full list of benefits and partnerships on the Membership section at [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org). Also, be sure to check out the Annual Convention page under the Meetings section where you can register for this year's Nashville convention.



## NSNA Credit Card Program

NSNA is proud to offer the NSNA Platinum Plus® credit card with WorldPoints® rewards, a no annual fee MasterCard® program that features competitive annual percentage rates as well as superior benefits and service. Every dollar in retail purchases equals one point, with no limit to the points you can earn. Points can be redeemed for air travel, cash back, and much more. Request the only card that helps support NSNA with every purchase—at no cost to you! To apply, or for more information about rates and terms, call 1-866-438-6262 and mention priority code FAAX5Q. Or log on to [www.newcardonline.com](http://www.newcardonline.com) to securely apply for the card.

## Study Tools

- ✓ With courses at more than 200 universities, colleges, and hospitals across the country, Drexel University NCLEX EXCEL!® has the capability to assist NSNA members wherever they attend nursing school. Students who attend school at or near a host site will receive a 10% discount off the entry fee of any live NCLEX prep.
- ✓ If a site is not near by, students can form a group and have Drexel University NCLEX EXCEL!® come to them (call 1-800-666-PREP for details) or purchase one of NCLEX EXCEL!®'s video, audio or online reviews also for a 10% discount at [passnclex.drexel.edu/nsna.aspx](http://passnclex.drexel.edu/nsna.aspx). Have your NSNA membership number handy for checkout.



## Delmar Cengage Learning

- ✓ NSNA members receive a 25% discount on NCLEX-RN® Review by Alice M. Stein and the Complete Review for NCLEX-RN® by Donna Faye Gauwitz. Delmar Cengage Learning is also pleased to offer all NSNA members a 25% discount on many of the products. To receive discount, click on the Delmar Learning banner on the homepage or visit [www.delmarhealthcare.com](http://www.delmarhealthcare.com) and during checkout within our eCatalog be sure to enter the following source code FNURE046.