

Total School Membership Plan

CCSNA, Cox College Of Nursing and Health Sciences

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Cox College of Nursing is located in Springfield, Missouri which is in the southwestern part of the state. Cox College, formally Burge School of Nursing, was established in 1907 graduating the first nursing student, Jeannie Campbell. Burge later became Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences in 1995 when the first class of BSN students was admitted. Cox College received its name in honor of a long time benefactor of the community, Lester L. Cox. The college now serves over 300 nursing students per year, including ASN and BSN as well as medical transcription, medical coding and a newly established dietetics degree. We are proud of our fine heritage as we just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the school by having a Mash Bash. The theme was based on the 1960's television series depicting a hospital unit serving in the Korean War. We were able to raise over \$70,000 during this event in for the future plan of a newer, more modern building.

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The Total School Membership Plan or TSMP was established as a way to increase membership in the Cox College Student Nurses' Association (CCSNA). The purpose of the CCSNA is to foster an opportunity for professional development by facilitating membership at the national, state and local chapters of the organization. For many years, the CCSNA was not very involved at the state and national levels as it is now.

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Nursing students are strongly encouraged to participate in the CCSNA. At the beginning of each academic year, all nursing students will be enrolled or renewed in the CCSNA by having the membership fee applied to their student account. If a student interrupts progression in nursing courses, their fees will be handled on an individual basis

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Forms utilized include a Membership Application form, a Membership Dues form, and a Membership Declination form. These forms are available in the CCSNA faculty advisor's office.

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All nursing students enrolled for the academic year will receive information informing them of the Total School Plan. Within the first month of the fall semester, officers of the CCSNA go to classes to explain the Total School Membership Plan. New and renewal membership forms will be turned in to the CCSNA faculty advisor's mailbox. If a student chooses to decline membership in CCSNA, they must complete the Membership Declination form, available from the CCSNA faculty advisor's office. This form must be completed by the 6th week of the semester corresponding to the date to drop classes without a grade as identified in the academic calendar. The signed form to decline membership will be submitted to the CCSNA faculty advisor who will submit the information to the Bursar to have the membership fee removed from the student's account. If the fee has already been paid, then a refund check request will be submitted. This process is applicable each fall for both new and renewal memberships.

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By becoming a member at the national level, a certain percent of the registration fee goes to the state association which makes the student an automatic member of the MONSA and the CCSNA with no further fees required. The new student pays \$30.00 as a discount to join and the renewing student pays \$40.00 to renew their membership. As a TSMP school, the renewal student only pays \$30.00 and therefore receives a \$10.00 discount. Since Cox College has such a large membership of over 300 students, we have received the Precious Metal Award for the past 3 years. We have our Precious Metal Award plaques on display in the College of Nursing suite. We are proud of these awards from the school years 04-05, 05-06, and 06-07. We are planning to receive another one for the current school year.

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Since we receive a \$10.00 discount for the renewing student, CCSNA would like to receive this money to further our chapter. The following proposal has been submitted by the faculty advisor to the college controller who is sending it on to the College Leadership Council. We are waiting to hear about this proposal. We the students of the CCSNA would like to receive the \$10.00 discount fees that the renewing students get through the NSNA (National Student Nurses' Association). The new students are billed from their student fees \$30.00. The renewal students are billed \$40.00 from their student fees, but because we are a

TSMP (Total School Membership Plan) school, the renewing students get a \$10.00 discount. What we would like to propose as the CCSNA, is that we receive that \$10.00 discount in the amount of \$10.00 per renewing student. This money would be used to further the professional development of nursing students by offering them money to participate at the national, state, and local chapters of the Student Nurse Associations. At the present time, the students buy and sell t-shirts to raise the money that they use to further their professional development. Besides professional development, the students of the CCSNA raise money through donations to be able to give Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to families in need. The requested money mentioned above would further our capabilities of giving to others in the community.

Students are encouraged to attend annual state and national conferences as well as Nurse Advocacy Day in Jefferson City every year. The requested money mentioned above would also help students further their professional development by offering them money to travel to be able to participate in these events.

We have a personal banking account in the form of a checking/savings account that is kept by the college controller. This account can only be accessed by certain members of the nursing staff and nursing students of Cox College Student Nurses' Association.

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To become a TSMP school, contact Gail Allen at the address/email listed on this slide. We have a policy that can be shared. Make sure that when you join, all of the fees are mailed in at the same time to receive the discount and award. We were delighted to present this plan to the NSNA. We have already shared this plan with a student nurses' association in Penn Valley Community College as requested by NSNA. Thank you for asking us to bring this information to you. Please contact us for further information.