



National Association of State School Nurse Consultants

Join NASSNC



Mission

The mission of the corporation is to share information, develop expert consensus, support and provide educational programs/ projects and publish papers and guidelines on issues related to the practice of school nursing as that practice relates to the overall health and educability of the nation's school—age children and youth. (Articles of Incorporation (1988), pg.1 Article II, Purpose).

Member benefits

- Network and connect with other state school nurse consultants for support and advice.
- Make your voice heard with opportunities to tell policymakers what you think.
- Meet face-to-face twice a year, with professional development opportunities and sharing of ideas.
- Membership email list provides communication among members.
- Publications are available to members that will support their work as consultants.
- Be a voice to advance the school nursing profession.

Join Us!

To become a NASSNC member an applicant must be a professional registered nurse responsible for statewide consultation for school health services and be employed by a state department of education, a state department of health (or other state agencies as they are titled in their respective states). [NASSNC-Membership-Application](#)

Here are what members share about the advantages of membership with NASSNC:

“When I was new to this SSNC job, I found NASSNC nurse leaders to be very supportive and their work supporting the school nurses in their state to be inspiring. The respect for these colleagues has only deepened my appreciation for their work and NASSNC’s roll in being sure that the nation’s students have access to high quality school nurses”.

“Being a member of NASSNC enables me to learn from my strong professional colleagues across the U.S. how to better do my job. I learn from the wisdom and expertise of retired colleagues who show me that the road ahead continues to be rich and rewarding; and this national perspective gives power to my messages for state leaders and a hand up to welcome new NASSNC members.”

Networking opportunities; professional development, learning strategies and gaining knowledge from members who have experience with specific issues; sharing guidance documents and/or research and publication opportunities; leadership experience through observation and participation; enhancing your CV or resume (membership and leadership positions within the Association); and strengthening the position of State School Nurse Consultant through increased state representation.

“I was the first state school nurse consultant for my state, so I didn’t really have a “clue” what I was doing or what my role should look like. Joining NASSNC not only gave me insight into the role of State School Nurse Consultants but also gave me mentors and great friends whom I could contact with any question or just voice frustration. I have truly enjoyed this group over the past 15 years.”

“I like being able to compare how school nursing is done in different states compared to mine. I also like the camaraderie of being with other state school nurse consultants. I’ve learned so much from other SSNC! Much information that is effective at the national level comes through NASSNC. I wouldn’t be aware of these if I weren’t a member.”

As a new position in my state in 2015, I could not have started without the support and resources of NASSNC and its members. Membership in NASSNC gives me access to resources that I would otherwise need to create myself. It has allowed me to give voice to school nursing practice that varies from the ideal. Not every state has a nurse in every building and therefore our focus needs to recognize the differences in practice across the state.

“I can easily talk to or query my peers in other states to obtain resources or information on issues that my state is working with – since they are also state consultants that often gives me a head start and/or new ideas. When I share these with stakeholders in my state they are always happy that I know what is going on elsewhere to help inform our processes. I have the opportunity twice a year to network with, and get support from, people who are doing the same job that I am and who understand the work and the frustrations.”

“For me, it was an amazing opportunity as a new consultant to have a mentor to connect with monthly. I also found the value of knowing what has or is on the horizon in other states. Spending time with individuals who know what I am going through in my position is invaluable.”

“I can’t imagine working in a position such as SSNC, where you are the only person in your agency, and often in your entire state, that knows the responsibility and issues involved. To have colleagues who are in similar positions in different states remove that sense of isolation and provides some support and protection. For example, when my state was looking at removing certification requirement for school nurses, they asked me to find out what other states of our size did. I was able to collect that info within days and support our certification process.

“50% off NASN annual conference registration!”

“The benefit I have found in belonging to NASSNC is that I have a contact person to call or email if I have questions regarding school nursing practice in another state. I have used these contacts for questions regarding field trips and students transferring to another.”

“As a new member, the support and awareness of others who are in similar positions in other states have been more than helpful. I feel like we are a small, mighty group with a vast amount of knowledge to be able to disseminate to school nurses. The experience of some of the consultants have broadened my education and gives me resources and individuals to contact to ask questions or have them share something they have done to be able to help my state.”