



The Shift Report

April 2024



We invite all CNSA Members to attend the ANA-C Prelicensure Lobby Day. This event is for all CA Pre-Licensure nursing students to discuss legislation, regulation, and policy that directly impacts healthcare in the state of CA. This is a virtual event! Click the link below to RSVP!

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CONVENTION LOGO DESIGN

contest

Members of CNSA, this is your opportunity to unleash your creative side and work with us to create the ideal logo for the upcoming Convention.

We are looking for a logo that embodies the spirit and theme of the 2024

CNSA Convention, so let your imagination run wild! We welcome all submissions. Please see the submission guidelines below:

Theme: NursInnovate: Shaping the Future of Healthcare

Format: 256 x 256 pixels, (Accepted file types: jpg/jpeg, png; Max file size: 10 MB)

Submission Deadline: Monday, April 15th at 11:59pm.

The winning submission will receive recognition, one individual complimentary registration (non-transferrable), and a two night stay at the Convention hotel for the CNSA 2024 Convention.

Gather your thoughts and prepare to let your creativity run wild so you don't miss this chance to make your mark on the Convention.

We're excited to see what concepts you come up with!

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April is the month that celebrates and appreciates both of these wonderful professions. In deciding which profession to highlight this month, we felt that both deserve recognition and you, our California nursing students should get to know both of these great careers.

Transplant Nurses

Transplant nurses are a significant part in taking care of a patient before, during, and after an organ transplant procedures. They get to take care of both sides of the procedure, the patients who is donating tissues or organs (donors), and those receiving the transplant (recipients).

Some of their job duties include administering medications, preparing patients for surgery, and enhancing the health of transplant recipients. Transplant nurses are empathetic and supportive to the patient(s) and educate them on every step in the transplant process. They also work with other members of the healthcare team (doctors, nurses, nutritionist, surgical technologists, etc). There are different types of transplant surgeries, including organs (e.g., kidneys), or other body parts or tissues (e.g., bone marrow or stem cell transplants). Each type of transplant surgery requires transplant nurses to have a different

knowledge base and perform unique job duties.

As mentioned in our spotlight last month a specialized certification called a Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse (CCTN) may be required. This credential, is offered by the American Board for Transplant Certification. In order to be certified, RNs must show knowledge and skills in monitoring and educating transplant patients before and after their transplant procedure. RNs must meet the minimum qualifications (e.g., 24 months of nursing experience and 12 months caring for transplant patients), apply to take the exam, study for the test, and wait for results. The on-the-job experience involves working as a surgical nurse, in the postoperative/recovery unit, or working in clinical areas such as medical/surgical units. Become certified in this field and you could be earning up to \$145,000 per year in California!

This is similar, but also different than a perioperative nurse, in the sense that a perioperative nurse works in the operating room, assisting with various surgical procedures and a transplant nurse often assists during transplant surgery, but does many other jobs as well; these include intensive patient teaching, and caring for patients before and after transplant surgery. There is a growing need for nurses in this profession. So If you want to be able to give patients a potential new opportunity in their lives, this career may be for you!

Wound Care Nurse

A wound care nurse specializes in complex wounds and the prevention of skin breakdown. Wound care nurses evaluate, plan, and administer care for a variety of different wounds. They assesses deep wounds, skin tears, ostomies, severe burns, pressure injuries or bedsores, and diabetic foot wounds. You'll be surprised how long some wounds take to heal and how many changes in treatment it take helping the wound to heal. You get to learn them all and build a relationship with your patient as you help them heal if you work in a clinic setting!

Other facilities that wound care nurses work are commonly in an acute care hospital and homecare settings. Also as long-term residential and skilled nursing facilities often employ wound care nurses. They may be on call when residents develop complex wounds or are at high risk for skin breakdown.

Wound Care nurses in California can make up to \$83,000 a year in California! Most wound care nurses have a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree or higher, are certified wound care nurses (CWCNs), have an active registered nurse (RN) license, have specialized training consisting of twenty-four continuing education (CE) credits in foot care and basic skin and wound care, and forty supervised clinical hours under the direct supervision of an expert. Employers usually require a CWCN credential issued by the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board. If you want build great relationships with your patients and be apart of great profession. This career may be for you!

Join A Committee!

Are you interested in getting more involved with CNSA? Are you a leader in your Chapter and want to connect with other nurse leaders? Do you like to collaborate and work as a team? Consider joining a Committee!

- Chapter Connections and Member Engagement
- Image of Nursing & Breakthrough to Nursing
- Nominations and Elections
- Bylaws and Governance
- Philanthropy & Awards

- Legislative/Resolutions
- Convention Planning
- Community Health
- Communications

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Do you want to spotlight your school chapter on CNSA's Social Media? If so, please fill out the form below! CNSA would love to recognize our school chapters for doing exceptional things on their respective campus and community! If you have any questions, please email one of our Communications Chairs, Sixta at sixta@cnsa.org.

[Complete Form Here!](#)

[Downloadable Resources](#)

Did you know that CNSA Members have access to downloadable resources? Logging into your profile on the CNSA website will give you access to a variety of resources. You can now download: **Gender Inclusive Clinical Terminology or Careers Pathway Worksheet**



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Connecting Talent with Opportunity!**

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NSNA Annual Convention
April 3 - 7
Orlando, Florida

ANA-C Prelicensure Lobby Day (Virtual)
April 9

Convention Logo Contest Deadline
April 15

CNSA Annual Convention
November 22 - 24

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