

# NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL NURSES



**Professional certification in school nursing provides an ongoing, quality credentialing process for eligible school nurses. Certification represents a national standard of preparation, knowledge, and practice.**

## Why is it worthwhile to become NCSN certified?



My certification has given me a renewed sense of excitement and desire for continuous self-improvement in my career. I attended the NASN 2016 conference and was able to apply the continuing education credits to my certification requirements. I will continue to share what I'm learning with the other nurses in my corporation.

Anne Hurd, BSN, RN, NCSN  
School Nurse, Cardinal Elementary  
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*I overheard people a few years ago at a conference saying, "I'd like to get certification, but it costs a lot, and why would I pay a lot of money just to make myself look good? I thought, "It's not about making yourself LOOK good!" I chose to pursue certification to show credibility—and it really helps, to be able to demonstrate that I know the latest evidence-based practices, I have some authority, and it helps me as I work on policies and programs.*

Christine Amidon BSN, RN, NCSN  
Health Services Coordinator, Crawfordsville Community Schools Board Member,  
Past President, Indiana Association of School Nurses Crawfordsville, IN



I have always believed that nurses need to show how unique they are in their specialties. This is more acute in a non-healthcare industry, i.e. education settings. Teachers in my district are encouraged to post their diplomas and licenses. My NCSN certificate is on my office wall. In my district we also get a step raise on the pay scale.

John McClure, BSN, RN, NCSN  
Health Services Coordinator, Elkhart Community Schools and School Nurse, Roosevelt STEAM Academy  
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*It was definitely worthwhile to get my certification through NBCSN! It shows my competence as a school nurse on a professional, national level that is noticed by peers, parents, and key leaders in the school community.*

Julie Collings, BSN, MPH, RN, NCSN  
School Nurse, Fairmont Elementary, Floyds Knobs Elementary, S. Ellen Jones Elementary  
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My national school nurse certification means that I am proficient at my chosen profession of school nursing. I proudly use the initials that denote certification and love explaining to parents and school staff what those initials signify! I consider obtaining this certification as the pinnacle of my career. I highly recommend it to all school nurses with 3 or more years of practice! Good luck to all!

Deb Robarge BSN RN NCSN  
Past NASN Board of Directors, Indiana Director 2010-2014  
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*I took the NCSN exam because I wanted to be the best school nurse I could be. I consider myself a life-long learner, and studying for the exam set the stage for future professional growth. I have helped students' families and those in my school community improve care for students. I help in my state and national professional organizations. Students, parents, and colleagues in the medical and educational worlds appreciate the validation of competency that the NCSN credential conveys.*

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