

Magnet Champion Updates

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Professional Nursing Organizations

What is a Professional Nursing Organization?

An organization that sets the standards of practice for that clinical specialty. Professional nursing organizations provide opportunities for members to interact with colleagues and discuss trends, best practices and disseminate knowledge. There are also opportunities for education through continuing education and publications.

Some examples of why you should join a professional nursing organization

Nurses join professional nursing organizations for many reasons such as to stay current on the best practices in their area of expertise and to have a voice in issues that affect nursing practice. For others it may be a way to network or enjoy the peer recognition that comes from being a member of the organization. Other advantages include:

Support: Professional support system of others who share your interests and concerns.

Education: Science and technology are continually advancing and improving, we need to keep up with changes that affect health care. Professional organizations offer CE's, often for minimal or no cost through meetings, seminars, and conventions.

Knowledge: Stay informed about current issues through local and national publications, newsletters and emails. As a member you will have networking opportunities at local, state and national conventions.

Professional growth and development: Working on committees and holding an office are ways to increase visibility, develop confidence, and strengthen leadership skills.

Certification: Many professional organizations offer specialty certifications which demonstrates excellence, professionalism and dedication to your practice.

What to do this month:

- On your Magnet board– Identify what professional nursing organizations apply to your clinical specialty
- Focus on Magnet documentation

Describe and Demonstrate