

# Nursing Student Organizations

## East Central University Nursing Student Association (ECUNSA)

ECUNSA is the student organization for nursing students on any of the three campuses. Although the organizations on each campus function as autonomous groups of nursing students, the three organizations have common functions and responsibilities as defined by the bylaws. They also frequently interact and share resources and information. The scope of the bylaws are based on those established by the National Student Nursing Association (NSNA), and are in compliance with the guidelines and policies of the School of Nursing. Meetings are generally held once or twice a month depending on what activities are being planned. Membership is open to any student who has declared nursing as a major. All nursing students are strongly encouraged to join early in the program and become actively engaged members.

This organization provides nursing students with the opportunity to participate in campus and community service activities. ECUNSA's purposes are directed towards helping in the development of nursing students as future health professionals and improving the health care of the residents of southeastern Oklahoma. Members provide various health related service projects to the community often in conjunction with other interdisciplinary groups. Membership in ECUNSA promotes the development of leadership skills, professional role socialization and accountability for the health of multicultural groups.

Senior students attend the annual ONSA/SNA convention. Members are encouraged to become candidates for the Board of Directors of the OSNA.

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## **The American Red Cross Student Nurse Club (RCC)**

Invites nursing students to participate in community service opportunities, often in tandem with ECUNSA, allowing students to earn community service hours.

In February each year, seniors with 10 hours of community service documented with the ECU Nursing RCC will submit an application to receive the ARC Student Nurse recognition at the Annual College of Health and Sciences Awards Ceremony in April.

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ECUNSA and the American Red Cross Student Nurse Club serving the Ada Community in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and STEP OUT: WALK to Stop Diabetes!





## Oklahoma Nursing Student Association (ONSA)

OSNA is one of the constituents of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) and is composed of school chapters from Oklahoma with 7 or more members. The purposes of the OSNA include making contributions to nursing education, providing educational programs, helping in the development of nursing students, and improving the quality of future health care providers.

The Board of Directors (BOD) of the OSNA is elected once a year at the annual ONS/SNA Convention. The BOD meets once a month at the various members' nursing schools and conducts a variety of activities such as educational programs, community projects and planning for the annual Legislative Day and ONA/SNA convention. Term of office is one year, and the president must have served on the board for at least 1 year prior to being elected president.

ONSA provides students with the opportunity to participate in a professional organization on a wider scale than the local organization and become involved with a range of education and health care issues at the state level. Although becoming a board member requires a commitment in time and effort, students who become board members gain valuable experience in leadership and group work. Board members attend the annual NSNA convention that is held in various cities across the United States with monetary help from ONSA as available.

Senior nursing students from all of ECU's campuses came together on October 28, 2016 to attend the Oklahoma Student Nursing Convention, at the Marriott Conference Center, in Norman, Oklahoma.

*Hope in the Heartland* was the theme for the day and set the stage for multiple learning opportunities. Some of the student favorites included:

KISSPharm- Keep It Simple Series for Pharmacology  
Medical ICU: Where things get INTENSE & Hero's Journey  
Kaplan's Mini-NCLEX Review  
Low Down on the Lub Dub of Dysrhythmias





**Additional information is available from ONSA:**

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## **National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)**

NSNA is the only national organization for nursing students and it is the largest independent student professional organization in the United States.

**The mission of the NSNA** is to

Facilitate the development of future nurses and nursing profession:

Bring together and mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, as well as those enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs;

Convey the standards and ethics of the nursing profession;

Promote development of the skills that students will need as responsible and accountable members of the nursing profession;

Advocate for high quality, evidence-based, affordable and accessible health care;

Advocate for and contribute to advances in nursing education; Develop nursing students who are prepared to lead the profession in the future.

**NSNA Core Values:** Professionalism, Leadership and Autonomy, Diversity, Quality Education, Advocacy, and Care Retrieved from:

[Click Here](#) if you are planning to become a member of NSNA

Joining NSNA automatically makes you a member of ONSA.

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