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CNSA 2024 Convention
November 22 - 24
Santa Clara, CA

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Join us in Santa Clara, November 22 - 24 for the CNSA 2024 Annual Convention! If you have never participated in the CNSA Annual Convention, this is an amazing opportunity to attend educational sessions, learn about advocacy, receive a variety of training and hands-on skills, and network with nursing leaders that can positively impact their career goals.

Speaker Highlights



Keynote Speakers



Joey Ferry BSN, RN &
Taofiki Gafar-Schaner, MSN, RN



Criminalizing Errors
RaDonda Vaught

Interview Techniques
Ben Baker

We hope you are making plans to attend the CNSA 2024 Annual Convention!
Session highlights include:

- Keynote: Taofiki Gafar-Schaner & Joey Ferry with Frontier Innovations
- Criminalizing Errors with RaDonda Vaught
- Professional Identity in Nursing
- NCLEX Review
- EKG Review
- Pharmacology Review
- Travel Nursing
- and more to be announced soon!

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The Heartbeat of New Beginnings: The Role of Neonatal Nurses

August 15th is Neonatal Nurses Day and in honor of this day, we at CNSA would like to highlight this benevolent career for this month. The role of a neonatal nurse is both fascinating and inspiring. Neonatal nurses are the unsung heroes who provide specialized care to the tiniest patients—the newborns. Their work is crucial, often making the difference between life and death for premature or critically ill infants. If you're drawn to the idea of combining kindness and altruism with medical expertise, a career in neonatal nursing might be your perfect match.

Neonatal nurses are responsible for the care of newborns in various settings, including neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), labor and delivery rooms, and pediatric hospitals. Their duties are as diverse as the patients they care for. They monitor vital signs and administer treatments which includes; intravenous (IV) fluids, antibiotics, and other necessary interventions. They assist with procedures such as intubation, feeding tube insertions, and other critical care techniques. But most importantly they provide emotional support and

education to families, helping them understand their baby's condition and what to expect moving forward as well as collaborate with pediatricians, neonatologists, and other healthcare professionals in providing essential comprehensive care.

The job requires a unique blend of skills and attributes, one of which is technical proficiency. From operating advanced medical equipment to administering precise dosages, neonatal nurses must be highly skilled in technical procedures. They must have great attention to detail because minor changes for these patients can have significant effects. They must also be able to make quick decisions in solving problems that are vital, as neonatal nurses often deal with rapidly changing and complex situations.

If you want to embark on a career as a neonatal nurse, this would be the most likely educational path that would be required. First, a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) then specialized training. Gaining experience in a pediatric or neonatal setting is crucial. Many neonatal nurses pursue additional certifications such as the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) or the Certified Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse (CNICN) credential. If you want an advanced education in this field then you can obtain a Master's or Doctoral degree in nursing, specializing in neonatal care, or become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

The compensation for neonatal nurses reflects their specialized skills and the demanding nature of their work. As of 2024, the average salary for a neonatal nurse in California is an impressive \$168,210 per year! This salary is equal to \$80.87 per hour, which is equivalent to \$3,235 per week or \$14,017 per month depending on experience and education.

A career as a neonatal nurse offers a profound sense of purpose. It's a role where every day brings new challenges and the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of the youngest patients and their families. If you're passionate about neonatal care and ready to embrace the demands of this critical field, the rewards—both personal and professional—are boundless. So, if you're looking to start a career where you can truly impact lives from the very beginning, consider becoming a neonatal nurse. Your journey could be one of the most fulfilling of your life.

Healthcare Humanitarian Day - August 19th:

This day acknowledges healthcare professionals who go above and beyond in providing care, often in challenging situations or to those that are in need. It celebrates their dedication to humanitarian efforts and making a positive impact in their community or on a global scale.

In recognition of this day We would like to tell you about our Daisy award that we will be presenting during our annual convention this November. CNSA is partnering with the Daisy Foundation to give an award to a member of the organization that has demonstrated charitable, philanthropic support to their community.

Do you know someone that...

- Has helped in a soup kitchen and/or food distribution,
- Has volunteered at a healthcare fair or healthcare clinics (Non-graded related)
- Has helped or volunteered with housing resources

- Has helped or volunteered at therapy centers
- Or any other community outreach events or service

Then nominate them for our Daisy Award!

We love to see CNSA members give back to their community in more ways than just healthcare because health is not merely the absence of illness but the presence of well-being. True support for others encompasses more than healthcare; it involves nurturing their environment, fostering opportunities, and building community.

Happy Healthcare Humanitarian Day!



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!

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