

BYLAWS  
BLINN COLLEGE NURSING STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

The name for the organization shall be the Blinn College Nursing Students' Association, hereafter referred to as BCNSA.

ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

SECTION I PURPOSE

BCNSA shall:

- A. Assume the responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide the highest quality of health care.
- B. Provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interest and concerns.
- C. Aid in the development of the whole person, his/her responsibility for the health care of people in all walks of life, and his/her professional role.

SECTION II FUNCTION

BCNSA shall:

- A. Have direct input into standards of nursing educational process in conjunction with the Texas Nursing Students' Association (TNSA).
- B. Influence health care, nursing education, and practice through legislation activities as appropriate.
- C. Promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities as appropriate.
- D. Represent nursing students to the consumer, institutions, and other organizations.
- E. Promote and encourage recruitment efforts, participation in student activities and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, economic status, age, or lifestyle.
- F. Promote and encourage student participation in interdisciplinary activities.
- G. Promote and encourage collaborative efforts with the National Student Nurses' Association, American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, International Council of Nurses, Texas Nurse Association, Texas League for Nursing as well as other nursing and related health care organizations.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERS

SECTION I MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND RIGHTS

There shall be five (5) classes of membership: active, associate, individual, subscriber, and honorary.

A. CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP

1. Active Members

a. Students enrolled in Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

b. Active members shall have all the privileges of membership and shall be eligible for appointed or elected office and be eligible to serve in the house of delegates as representatives.

2. Associate Members

a. Pre-nursing students enrolled in Blinn College as preparation for entrance into the Associated Degree Program in nursing.

b. Associate members shall have all privileges of membership, except the right to hold the offices of President or Vice-President.

3. Individual Members

a. Individual members shall have all the privileges of active membership.

B. Non-Constituent Membership

1. subscriber Members

a. Subscriber membership shall be open at the state level to any individual interested in furthering the development and growth of TNSA.

b. Subscriber members shall receive literature from the state association and member rates to workshops, seminars and the annual convention.

2. Honorary Members

a. Honorary membership may be conferred by a two-thirds (2/3) vote for the membership with the recommended of the officers upon persons who have rendered distinguished service or valuable assistance to BCNSA.

C. Active, associate, and individual membership shall be renewable annually.

D. Active, associate, and individual membership may be extended six months beyond graduation from Blinn College, provided membership was renewed while the student was enrolled in Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Subscriber membership shall be renewable annually.

ARTTRICLE IV  
OFFICERS

SECTION I OFFICERS

A. The elected officers of BCNSA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those present at the first meeting of the calendar year.

C. The President and Treasurer must Co-sign all checks, and they may be the only people to incur expenses on behalf of BCNSA

SECTION II QUALIFICATIONS

A. Candidacy for the offices of President and Vice-President shall be open only to those candidates who will be active members throughout the full term of their offices.

B. Candidates for all other offices shall be chosen from members who shall be Active or Associate members throughout at least one-half of that term.

ARTICLE VIII  
ADVISORS

SECTION I ROLE OF THE ADVISORS

- A. The advisor shall be a faculty member of Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- B. The advisor shall be present at all Officers meeting and all BCNSA meetings.
- C. The advisor will serve as a resource person to BCNSA in planning, deliberating, implementing and evaluating BCNSA activities.
- D. The advisor will stimulate professional development and foster the leadership skills required of officers and other members of BCNSA.
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- E. The advisor will facilitate discussions leading to decision making by student leaders while refraining from directing the outcomes.
- F. The advisor will facilitate the orderly transition of the outgoing and incoming members of BCNSA.
- G. The advisor will clarify functions, programs, and operations of Blinn College and adhere to ethical principles on matters of confidentiality.
- H. The advisor shall serve a resource and liaison to administration, faculty, and others as needed.

ARTICLE X  
AMENDMENTS

SECTION I These bylaws may be amended at a monthly meeting by 2/3 vote of those present and voting provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been sent to the members at least four weeks prior to the meeting. All amendments to bylaws must be approved by the Blinn College Student Government Association.

SECTION II These bylaws may be amended through the standing rules by a majority vote of the officers.

ARTICLE XI  
CONVENTION DELEGATES

Convention Delegates shall be nominated and members shall be given the list of nominees at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The delegate shall be elected by a majority vote of those present. There shall be one delegate per fifteen BCNSA members.

SECTION III TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be one year from the adjournment of the meeting at which officers are elected to adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected (January to January). No elected officers shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

#### SECTION IV VACANCY OF OFFICE

A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the vacancy shall be filled, if deemed essential, by a majority vote of the members of BCNSA.

#### SECTION V DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

See attached copies

### ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

#### SECTION I MEETINGS

- A. There shall be at least one meeting per month with the date being determined by the availability of rooms and schedules of guest speakers.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the President or Faculty Advisor with at least seven days notification prior to the meeting.
- C. Any Officer that is absent three consecutive meetings will be considered for dismissal. A unanimous affirmative vote of the other officers is required for dismissal. A written dismissal will be sent to the individual.
- D. If an officer fails to fulfill his or her responsibilities as defined in the Bylaws, the remaining officers shall have the option of removing that officer from the office. This action will require a unanimous vote of the other officers.

### ARTICLE VII DUES

#### SECTION I DUES

- A. The annual dues shall be \$10.00 (excluding the NSNA and state dues) per member. Payable for the appropriate dues year. The dues year shall be a period of twelve consecutive months.
- B. Any members who fail to pay current dues shall forfeit all privileges of membership.

#### SECTION II DUES PERIOD

NSNA and TNSA dues shall be sent directly to NSNA and shall cover a period for twelve months. TNSA dues shall cover the same concurrent twelve month period as NSNA dues. BCNSA dues shall be collected at the first meeting of the calendar year with a grace period of thirty days.