As a member, you will join over 150,000 that NBNA represents and those who recognize the value of belonging to the only professional African American nursing association. Through our 79 chapters, we provide countless hours of community-based health care services and outreach to African American communities across our Nation.

The National Black Nurses Association provides leadership to advance nursing practice, improve health care for all Americans, particularly the unserved and the underserved and shape health policy for the access and delivery of health care services. We are actively engaged in the many issues currently challenging the profession of nursing. There is no better time than now that African American nurses need to work together in their professional association to not only survive, but to prosper in this time of change in the reform of our health care system.

There are many exceptional benefits of membership in NBNA. They include:

- Subscription to the NBNA News, the association's quarterly newsletter
- Subscription to the Journal of the National Black Nurses Association, a bi-annual published professional refereed journal
- NBNA website: www.NBNA.org
- Direct electronic mailing on nursing and health care issues
- On-line Career Center
- On-line Conference Registration
- On-line Store - Coming Soon
- Position papers on important issues impacting the health care of African American consumers
- Association partnerships with federal and national organizations
- Continuing education contact hours for licensure
- A unified voice for the profession of nursing in Washington to address public policy issues
- Networking with African American nurses from around the country, the Caribbean and West Africa
- The NBNA Scholarship and Awards Program -- NBNA offers scholarships to all levels of nursing students to continue and complete their nursing education

- Leadership opportunities through committees and taskforces

- Speaking engagements at national and local conferences, Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust, National Medical Association Health Policy Colloquium, Association of Women's Health Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses, National Consumers League, The Chest Foundation and the American College of Chest Physicians.

- A toll free telephone number to contact the National Office

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

NBNA Lifetime Membership is $2,000.00 – payable in four installments over one year.

Benefits include:

- Complimentary conference registration in the year that the final payment is made
- Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Listed on the NBNA Lifetime Members Plaque
- Listed in the NBNA Conference Souvenir Program annually
- Listed on the NBNA website
- Special recognition at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference honoring Lifetime Members
- Special seating for Lifetime Members at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference
- Complimentary NBNA premium

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ACTIVITIES

The National Black Nurses Association hosts an Annual Institute and Conference in the summer of each year. NBNA's annual institute and conference features the most prominent speakers in nursing and health care. More than 100 exhibitors join us to offer their products, services and employment opportunities. An attendance of over 1000 NBNA members, student nurses, other health professionals and guests participate in the week's events.

The four day conference includes a one day annual institute, offering 4-6 hours intensive, concurrent educational programs in health promotion for African American males, child and adolescent health, breast cancer, women's health, prostate cancer, cardiovascular and HIV/AIDS. Other educational programs include presentations made by national health experts in a variety of health areas including: cancer; HIV/AIDS; menopause and osteoporosis; nutrition; diabetes; health policy and health and healing; and roundtable discussions; a three day exhibition featuring vendors from schools of nursing, pharmaceutical, telecommunications, publications and equipment industries, hospitals and health systems, managed care organizations and insurance companies; and a host of networking and corporate sponsorship events.

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Attendees will earn continuing education units for their participation in the week's educational component. The schedule provides time for networking and attending social events around the city. NBNA Scholarships and awards are presented throughout the conference. The annual NBNA Community Health Fair and the President's Gala are highlights of the conference. Special NBNA member rates apply to all NBNA sponsored conferences. Advertising opportunities also available in our Conference Souvenir Program.