

## NATIONAL STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION - SCC

The National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) is the largest non-profit professional health organization in the United States specifically for nursing students. Sacramento City College's chapter started in 1995. The organization's mission is to mentor the professional development of future registered nurses, and to facilitate their entrance into the profession, by conveying required standards, ethics and skills. The purpose of the organization is to assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education that provides for the highest quality health care; to provide programs of professional interest; and to aid in the development of the whole person.

Membership is open to all nursing students. NSNA-SCC was organized for charitable and educational purposes. NSNA –SCC is made up of elected/appointed officers who are responsible for student representation, shared decision-making with administration and faculty, peer support, and event planning. A full time faculty advisor helps guide and direct the chapter. NSNA-SCC is also a part of the campus Inter-Club Council (ICC), designed to provide and complement learning through participation in various campus and community outreach projects.

The chapter meets monthly on campus. The chapter provides opportunities to organize and implement activities, to conduct membership meetings, to learn financial responsibilities associated with fund raising, and to use Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.

- Community health project activities provide student involvement in service learning to meet local health needs (provide health services and screenings for medically under-served populations, food and clothing drives, health fairs); students gain an understanding of the complex role organizations play to serve community health needs.
- Midyear conferences and annual national conventions provide opportunities to develop leadership skills, collaboration among peers and professional networking.
- Legislation education provides opportunities for students to address health and nursing related legislative and regulatory issues.
- Scholarships and resources available: *You're Hired! A Nurse's guide to Success in Today's Job Market*, B. Brozek RN, California Nursing Student's Association, 2010.
- NSNA Professional Magazine for Nursing Students, *IMPRINT*: nursing and healthcare legislative issues, job opportunities, internships for new graduates, nursing specialty information.