

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Networking: Opportunities to meet with other nurses of Indian descent at professional and cultural events. Connect with fellow advanced practice nurses through our recently formed APN Forum.

Leadership Development: Participate in the governance of the association. Hold positions of leadership in local and national committees and subcommittees.

Professional and scholarly development: Multiple opportunities to learn from experts in a variety of fields. Opportunities to engage in scholarly activities such as giving podium and poster presentations and publishing in our newsletter.

Representation: NAINA will be the official voice for Indian nurses in America and outside for professional nursing issues and problems. Not only will you represent nurses of Indian descent but YOU will be represented by NAINA, at other local, state, national and international organizations.

Mentorship: Find a mentor or be a mentor!

Educational Opportunities: Discounted rates to NAINA conferences and educational events. A 15% discount for NAINA members to Grand Canyon University and member-specific benefits at Chamberlain College of Nursing.

Website and Facebook: Stay connected through our website and Facebook page.

Newsletter: A free subscription to our quarterly newsletter that will keep you informed of chapter events.

Promote the profession of nursing: by striving to help decrease the healthcare disparities among ethnic, minority, and medically underserved communities through our community health initiatives.

NAINA CHAPTERS

CONNECTICUT

FLORIDA-CENTRAL

FLORIDA-SOUTH

GEORGIA

ILLINOIS

MARYLAND

MICHIGAN

NEW JERSEY 1 (NORTH)

NEW JERSEY 2 (CENTRAL AND SOUTH)

NEW YORK

NEW YORK -ALBANY

NORTH CAROLINA

OKLAHOMA

PENNSYLVANIA

TEXAS-DALLAS

TEXAS-HOUSTON

More chapters

coming soon!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1. Individual Associations

Members of a local (state chapter) are automatically members of NAINA.

2. Members at Large

Eligible members from the states or territories of USA with no established local Indian nursing association may become a member of NAINA as a member at large by paying a membership fee. This only applies if the state has no association

3. Affiliate Members*

Affiliate membership will be extended to individuals through local chapters or under members at large as appropriate, irrespective of Indian origin or heritage if they share the mission, vision, and values of NAINA.

4. Honorary Members*

Honorary membership may be awarded to individuals or businesses who support the mission and goals of NAINA, and as determined by the Governing Board.

**Affiliate and honorary members do not hold offices or participate in decision-making process and do not have voting privileges, but may enjoy all other benefits of NAINA membership.

For membership fees and further information, see our website

www.nainausa.com



NAINA's primary goal is to unite all Indian nurses and nursing students of Indian origin and heritage as a professional body under one umbrella at the National level.

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MISSION

NAINA is the organization for all professional nurses and nursing students of Indian origin/heritage that creates a community of excellence in nursing practice and healthcare through networking and collaboration.

Vision:

To promote professional excellence in nursing practice and healthcare through the empowerment and renewal of professional and cultural identity of all nurses of Indian origin/heritage, and to optimize their contribution to the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities.

Values:

- * Caring, compassion, ethical values, and exceptional healthcare practices
- * Client-centered helping relationships and advocacy
- * Accountability and responsibility for evidence-based practice
- * Continuous personal and professional development of self and others
- * Collaboration and innovation

HISTORY

The history of professional Indian nursing in United States started with the major migration of nurses in the early 1970's and 1980's. In the 1980's Indian nurses started to professionally organize with the first chapter in the state of New Jersey. Over the years, chapters were established in Houston, Dallas, Miami, Chicago and New York. These chapters functioned independently. In 2006, the leaders of the existing chapters agreed to unite under one umbrella to form a national organization. As a result of their commitment, the National Association of Indian Nurses of America was formed in 2006.

The first two years (2007- 2008)

Inaugural function in Houston, May 2007. The first National Educational Conference of NAINA, Chicago, September 2008. NAINA grew tremendously during this period and we became the second large ethnic minority organization in US.

2009- 2010

Membership in Asian American Pacific Islanders Nurses Association (AAPINA). The second biennial education conference, Houston, TX. Keynote speaker - Dr. Jean Watson.

2011-2012

Third biennial educational conference in New York. Initiation of tele-conferences with contact hours and a mentoring program.

2013-2014

Our first ever cruise convention/ First National Leadership seminar. Partnership with Grand Canyon University (GCU), which enables our members and their families to get a 15% discount on tuition for all courses at the University.

NAINA Today

We are still growing! We continue to develop new programs and form new chapters.

New chapters

- Indian Nurses Association of New York - Albany (INA-Albany)
- Indian American Nurses Association Of Maryland (IANAM (IANAM))

New programs

- *Leadership Development:* formal leadership development program for nurses of Indian heritage, annual leadership conferences
- *Community Health Initiatives:* Promotion of health and prevention of disease through patient and community education. Our first initiative - "Let's act Fast" (LAF) for stroke prevention
- *APN Forum:* a platform for APNs to share their expertise and to enhance their professional growth

JOIN US

and become part of the change

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