



Virginia Nursing Students' Association

Fostering The Professional and Personal
Development of Student Nurses

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The Virginia Nursing Students' Association Annual Convention



February 21st
at Radford University

**Inclusive Healthcare for All:
Check your bias at the door!**



Join nursing students from across Virginia for a transformative day focused on equity, self-awareness, and the future of culturally competent care.



Experience inspiring keynote speakers, sessions on bias and equity, statewide networking, a dynamic exhibitor hall, and exciting raffles and activities.



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Convention At A Glance

Costs

NSNA/VNSA Member: \$40

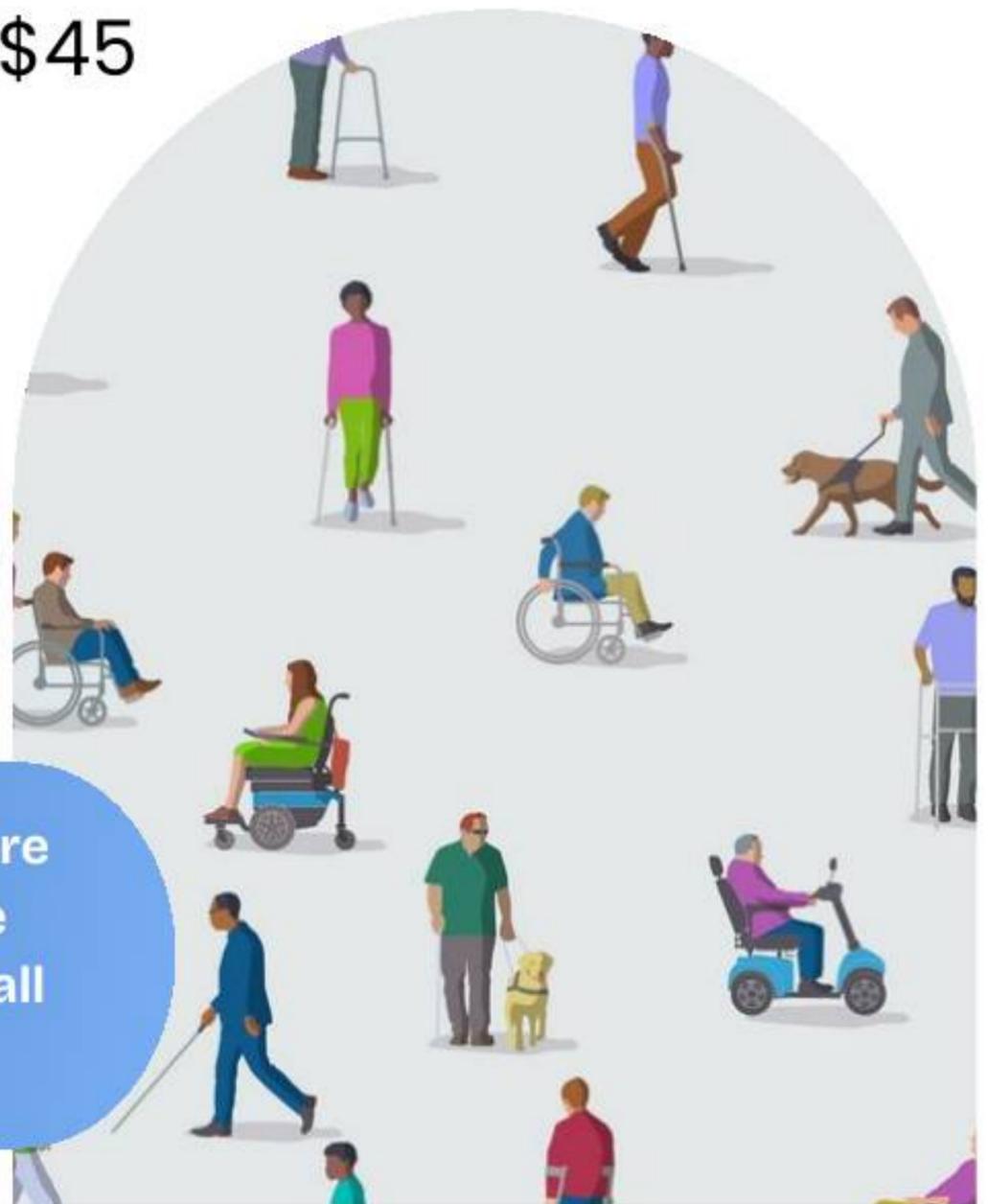
Non NSNA/VNSA Member: \$45

Faculty Advisor: \$50



Scan the QR code to Register!

All attendees must pre-register before
February 11th, 2026. All sessions are
included with your registration and all
attendees receive a t-shirt



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Event Schedule

**Subject to change*

07:30 AM	REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION	Guest arrival, registration, light breakfast & refreshments
08:45 AM	OPENING CEREMONY	Welcome speech and keynote speakers
10:00 AM	EXHIBITOR HALL OPENS <small>*EXHIBITOR HALL CLOSSES AT 4:00PM</small>	Engage with recruiters, hospitals, and organizations
10:00 AM	BREAKOUT GROUP A & HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING	Choose Breakout A sessions or participate in the House of Delegates proceedings.
11:00 AM	BREAKOUT GROUP B	Attend sessions with guest speakers
11:45 AM	LUNCH	Enjoy catered lunch, free with registration
12:30 PM	POSTER PRESENTATIONS & HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING	Explore student-led research and projects, or attend the House of Delegates meeting.
1:30 PM	VOTING FOR 2026-2027 VNSA BOARD	Only delegates are allowed to attend!
2:00 PM	BREAKOUT GROUP C	Attend sessions with guest speakers
2:45 PM	AFTERNOON SNACK	Courtesy refreshments, free with registration
3:45 PM	CLOSING REMARKS & AWARDS	Wrap-up and recognition of outstanding innovations



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Poster Presentations

NSNA Chapters can submit posters for the Project Showcase, highlighting school and state projects in areas such as:

- Global/international nursing projects
- Breakthrough to Nursing
- Shared governance
- Ethics
- Population health
- Disaster preparedness
- Health policy and advocacy
- NSNA Leadership U
- Newsletters/social networking/website development
- Image of nursing



Scan the QR to submit your presentation by February 7th!

Joint faculty and student submissions are welcomed!



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Breakout Sessions

- **Gender-Affirming Healthcare 101**
- **Culturally Safe Assessments: Reducing Bias in Practice**
- **Nursing Behind the Walls: Inclusive Care in Correctional Health**
- **Trauma-Informed Nursing**
- **Social Determinants of Health**
- **Caring for LGBTQ+ Patients**
- **Against The Odds: Pregnancy and Postpartum in Hard Places**
- **Interrupting Implicit Bias**
- **Health Equity in Underserved Communities**
- **Mental Health Across Cultures**
- **Reproductive Justice**
- **Gender-Inclusive Documentation**
- **Healthcare Disparities in Incarcerated Populations**



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Awards & Scholarships

Apply for VNSA's Awards & Scholarships to be recognized for your leadership, academic excellence, and dedication to inclusive nursing practice! Applications due before February 14th, 2026!



Second Degree Scholarship

Community College Scholarship

Nursing Student of the Year Award

Excellence in Nursing Instruction Award

Instructor Certification & Endorsement Award



Single Parent Scholarship

Traditional Nursing Student Scholarship

Excellence in Breakthrough to Nursing Award

Community Service Award

Most Supportive Faculty Award



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Delegates Needed

The House of Delegates is the governing and voting body of VNSA. It's made up of delegates from each school chapter and the Board of Directors. All official business of the annual meeting is conducted here.

Each chapter receives two delegates, with additional delegates determined by the number of members in good standing, based on dues received six weeks before the annual meeting.

Chamberlain University Online
 Excelsior College
 American National University
 Arizona College of Nursing
 Averett University
 Bon Secour Memorial School of Nursing
 Brightpoint Community College
 Bryant & Stratton College
 Bryant & Stratton College, Richmond
 Centra College of Nursing
 Chamberlain College of Nursing
 ECPI Manassas
 ECPI University Richmond
 ECPI University Va Beach
 Galen College of Nursing, Roanoke
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Germanna Community College
 Hampton University
 J. Sargeant Reynolds College
 James Madison University

Laurel Ridge Community College Middletown
 Liberty University
 Norfolk State University
 Northern Virginia Community College,
 Annandale
 Northern Virginia Community College,
 Springfield
 Old Dominion University
 Radford University, Main Campus
 Radford University, Roanoke Campus
 Randolph Macon College
 Sentara College of Health Sciences
 Shenandoah University, Leesburg
 Shenandoah University, Winchester
 South University, Richmond
 South University, Va Beach
 University of Lynchburg
 University of Virginia
 University of Virginia College
 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)



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by January 10th!



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Apply to Join the VNSA Board of Directors!

Help shape the future of nursing in Virginia!

Serving on the VNSA Board gives you the opportunity to lead statewide initiatives, represent student nurses, and grow professionally in a supportive, high-impact role.

Take the next step in your leadership journey and make your voice heard!

Applications due February 14th, 2026 by 11:59pm



Candidate Packet



Application



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About Radford University

The Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity is made possible by the generosity of Nancy and Pat Artis, along with the support of many other donors and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It serves as the new home to Radford University's College of Visual and Performing Arts and provides unique learning and collaboration spaces for students in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services and the College of Nursing.

The Artis Center features performance and exhibit areas, hands-on learning spaces; flexible, high-tech classrooms; and interprofessional and clinical spaces; as well as spaces that local organizations, community members and K-12 school groups can rent for events, gatherings and performance



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Travel and Lodging



Directions

From Interstate 81, take Exit 109 onto Route 177/Tyler Avenue into Radford. Continue through light at Jefferson. Then take first right onto Fairfax Street. Park on left in spots reserved for admissions visitors.

Travel by air or by bus:

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport and Greyhound Bus Lines provide connections to cities throughout the country. From the airport, take Interstate 581-North to Interstate 81-South and follow the directions for traveling by car.

Nearby airports:

Several other airports are within driving distance of Radford University. Charlotte-Douglas International Airport is two and a half hours away in Charlotte, N.C., and Richmond International Airport is three and a half hours away in Richmond, Va.

Parking:

There are multiple parking lots around the building that will be made available during convention. A map of these locations and the convention venue will be provided in your welcome letters!

Hotels

The Highlander at Radford, Tapestry
Collection by Hilton
604 Tyle Avenue,
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Hotel: 540-744-1500
Reservations: 844-383-7378



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