



JUSTIFICATION TOOLKIT

Las Vegas, Nevada | Caesars Palace | June 29 - July 2, 2026



*National
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School Nurses*

NASN 2026 STRONGER TOGETHER



We're excited to invite you to join us in person for NASN2026, happening June 29–July 2, 2026, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, with a Preconference Day on June 28, 2026.

NASN2026 is the premier professional development event for school nurses and school health leaders, bringing together colleagues from across the country to learn, connect, and recharge. This year, the Annual Conference will be offered as an in-person-only experience, allowing us to focus fully on the energy, collaboration, and relationship-building that happens best when we come together face to face.

We also want to share that NASN is reimagining our virtual offerings. While there will not be a virtual version of the Annual Conference in 2026, we are developing a new and exciting virtual learning experience that will launch later in the year. More details will be shared soon, and we're looking forward to offering innovative ways to connect and learn beyond the conference.

By attending NASN2026 in person, you'll engage in high-quality educational sessions led by nationally recognized experts, participate in interactive and hands-on learning opportunities, and connect with peers who understand the realities of school nursing today. You'll also have direct access to exhibitors showcasing innovative products, services, and solutions that support student health and well-being.

The NASN Annual Conference is an investment in professional growth, leadership development, and evidence-based practice—benefits that extend beyond the individual attendee to positively impact schools, districts, and communities. This toolkit is designed to help you clearly communicate the value of attending NASN2026 and how participation aligns with organizational goals and improved student health outcomes.

I hope you'll plan to join us in Las Vegas for an energizing and impactful NASN2026 experience.



Lynn Nelson, MSN, RN, NCSN
President
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ACHIEVING YOUR LEARNING OUTCOMES

By participating in any of the NASN conference education activities, you will be able to:

- Describe one concept you learned at the NASN Annual Conference that promotes shared leadership in diversity, equity, and inclusion for all students' well-being.
- Explain how the use of data establishes a foundation of ethics, excellence, and integrity for school nursing practice.
- Apply the knowledge learned at the annual conference that will impact your daily nursing practice to ensure students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.
- Identify two processes you will use to implement an evidence-based practice you learned at NASN's Annual Conference.
- Identify two new evidence-based practices or resources from NASN's Annual Conference (sessions, exhibitors, or poster presentations) that can be used to promote academic success and the health of students and communities.
- Identify strategies that prioritize the physical and mental well-being of the school nurse, students, and school staff.

Your SCHOOL or EMPLOYER will benefit from NASN2026 when YOU:

- Share evidence-based programs and research on best practices with your administrator;
- Elevate your school nursing practice by applying your new skills;
- Obtain the latest industry information on products, services, and technology from conference exhibitors; and
- Make professional connections that become a source of new perspectives and ideas to help you in your role.

NEED FUNDING IDEAS?

Try these suggestions:

- Check with your school and district for potential funding;
- Contact school community stakeholders, like the PTA and Lions Club, to see if they can offer you a scholarship;
- Not a NASN member yet? Join by 3/31/2026, and you'll be automatically entered into the New Member Annual Conference Scholarship drawing.
- Participate in the NASN Strong initiative nasn.org/NASNStrong to earn e-commerce credits which you can use toward conference registration fees.

REGISTRATION COSTS AND REASONS TO ATTEND

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Member Type	Early	Regular
Active or Associate NASN Member	\$610	\$675
Student or Retired NASN Member	\$415	\$480
Non-Member	\$735	\$800

Reasons to attend:

- Earn up to 20.0 NCPD contact hours (includes up to 3.0 NCPD for posters).
- Ask speakers questions and get feedback in real-time.
- Choose topics that matter to you from the concurrent session lineup.
- Connect with peers from your state at the Annual Business Meeting.
- Get a full-sensory experience in the exhibit hall; see, hear, taste, touch & smell!

NOTE: A select number of preconference sessions will be hosted on June 28, 2026. These sessions have an additional fee: \$199 Member Rate; \$225 Non-Member Rate.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

REGISTRATION RATE CUTOFF DATES:

Early: Prior to May 1st

Regular: After May 1st

CANCELLATION DEADLINES:

June 9th

JUSTIFICATION LETTER TEMPLATE

[Download the Justification Letter Template in a Word document](#) and fill out the necessary information.

If you have any questions, please contact conference@nasn.org.



ABOUT NASN

The NASN vision is that all students are healthy, safe and ready to learn. The NASN mission is to optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing.

CORE VALUES

Student Well-being
Leadership
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Excellence

Ethics
Integrity
Innovation
Scholarship

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