

# The National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses

*Advancing the Art and Science  
of Orthopaedic Care*

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# Mission

The mission of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses is to advance the specialty of orthopaedic nursing through excellence in research, education, and nursing practice.

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# Philosophy

- Promote the highest standards of orthopaedic nursing practice
- Advance the nursing profession through education, research and practice
- Patient assessment includes physical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual needs
- Use of the nursing process achieves meeting these needs and the highest possible level of health

# Executive Board

- President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Five Directors

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# Membership Benefits - Communication

- *NAON News*: published bi-monthly to share practical information for orthopaedic nursing practice and Association updates
- *Orthopaedic Nursing Journal*: published bi-monthly to provide current orthopaedic care and research information, subscription is included in NAON membership
- On-line Forum: networking access to other orthopaedic nurses throughout the country

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# Membership Benefits - Products

## **Publications**

- Core Curriculum text
- Certification prep resources
- Standards & guidelines
- Patient education materials
- Staff & community education tools
- Educational manuals
- Home study modules
- CD-ROMs, videos

# Membership Benefits - Education

- Annual Congress: four days of education and networking opportunities
- AAOS Allied Health Program: co-sponsored by the AAOS & NAON to provide a variety of topics related to orthopaedic care
- Online Contact Hours: web-based courses for certification prep and orthopaedic topics
- Local Chapter activities: conferences & seminars



# Membership Benefits - SIGs

## Special Interest Groups

- Formalized groups that focus on identifying and fostering common special interest areas of orthopaedic nurses
- Meet annually at Congress & communicate via list serv & discussion forum year-round
- Provide networking opportunities to discuss challenges faced by orthopaedic nurses

# Membership Benefits - SIGs

Advanced Practice

Case Management

Gerontology

Office Practice

Total Joint Replacement

Spine

Pediatric

Staff Education

Operating Room

Osteoporosis

RNFA

Sports Medicine

Trauma

Management

Patient Education



# Membership Benefits - Leadership

## Leadership Fellow Program: Goals

- Identify and train future NAON leaders from members who are novice leaders with little volunteer or leadership experience.
- Develop and implement a formal NAON mentoring program between participants and established NAON leaders.
- Enhance skills of those members who have already assumed or are about to assume leadership roles with NAON.



# Membership Distribution

- NAON Chapters: geographically located groups of NAON members who meet regularly to provide continuing education and networking opportunities to local orthopaedic nurses. NAON has Chapters nationwide.
- Members-at-large (MALs): NAON members who are not members of local Chapters, but still active members of NAON



# One Member, One Vote

- Any general member of NAON can vote
- Can attend meeting at Congress for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association
- Voting may also be accomplished by mail or electronic mail between annual business meetings



# NAON Foundation

- Supports the goals and mission of NAON by providing funding for grants and scholarships to advance the specialty of orthopaedic nursing through excellence in nursing practice, education, research and leadership
- Applications and eligibility requirements for grants and scholarships, as funding is available, can be found on the NAON Foundation's website, [www.naonfoundation.org](http://www.naonfoundation.org)



# ONC Certification

- The Orthopaedic Nurse Certification Board provides certifications that promote professional development and enhance the practice of orthopaedic nursing.
  - Orthopaedic Nurse Certified (ONC)
  - Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner (ONP-C)
  - Orthopaedic Clinical Nurse Specialist (OCNS-C)
- Specialty nursing certification demonstrates dedication to professional development and is a mark of practice excellence
- Identifies the certified nurse as one who is interested in maintaining “cutting edge” knowledge and skills in order to provide quality patient care

# ONC Certification

- Requires at least two years' nursing experience and 1000 hours of work as an RN in orthopaedic nursing within the past 3 years
- Certification via computerized exam at multiple sites, with paper-and-pencil exams offered at AAOS and NAON Congress

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# ONC Certification

- Recertification every 5 years via exam or 100 hours continuing education (70 hours in orthopaedic nursing education) along with 1000 hours of practice over the past 5 years
- Offered through the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB):  
[www.oncb.org](http://www.oncb.org)

# APN Certification

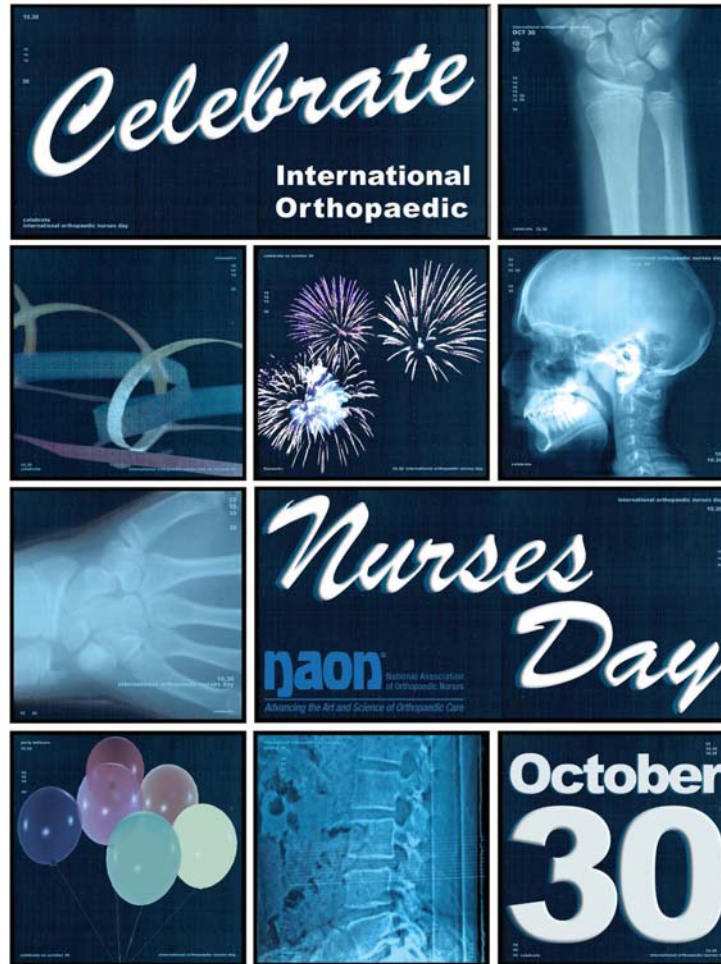
Advance practice nurses who plan to take the CNS or NP certification examination must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 3 years practice as a registered nurse
- Designated advance practice hours: 1500 hours for current ONCs, 2500 hours for non-ONCs

# APN Certification

- Masters degree and qualification for APN licensure in the candidate's state of practice
- Recertification every 5 years via exam or 125 hours continuing education (100 hours minimum in orthopaedic nursing education) along with 1500 hours of practice over the past 5 years
- Offered through the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board ([www.oncb.org](http://www.oncb.org)) began October 2006

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**Thank you very much for  
inviting me to your meeting.**

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