

THIRD QUARTER 2024

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## **Mission Statement**

The Dermatology Nurses' Association is a professional nursing organization comprised of diverse individuals who are committed to quality dermatologic care to provide exceptional patient outcomes through sharing knowledge and expertise.

## **FOCUS, Third Quarter, 2024**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NANCY SMAIL, RN

As I write this message for this Focus edition, I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer. While I love the lazy days of summer, autumn is my favorite time of the year. We are preparing to enter a new fall season, and I think the great thing about a change of season is that it's a reminder to refocus and think about what you want for the next few months.

The natural rhythm of the year brings a renewed focus on learning.

What might you learn or do this year to improve yourself?

How are you feeling about your current job?

Do you want to think about new opportunities to explore?

Just as I would encourage you to step outside in this season, I encourage you to step outside of yourself and explore the opportunities the DNA has to offer from leadership openings, advocacy and health policy reform. The DNA has taken me places I never thought I'd go, as well as uncovering strengths I never knew I had.

*"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall"* - F. Scott Fitzgerald (The Great Gatsby)





# Save the Date!

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY

JOAN POHUTSKY, DNP, APRN, NP-BC, BOD SECRETARY

### **On April 9th, 2024, the DNA BOD held a virtual meeting.**

Those present included:  
Nancy Smail, President  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Joan Pohutsky, Secretary  
Blake Bryant, Director  
Angie Hamilton, Director  
Nina Harry, Director

DNA Staff:  
Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Stephanie McCall, DNA Administrative Coordinator  
Kara Briggs, DNA Administrative Coordinator  
Invited Guest: Withum, Smith & Brown

Pending action items were reviewed. M. Dunn and A. Chrupcala, invited guests from Withum, Smith, & Brown, PC, DNA's auditors, who joined the meeting to discuss their company, their role within our organization, and delineate between a full audit versus a review. It was noted that for the last few years, a review (that reviews inquiries) was performed instead of a more intensive and costly audit (which reviews year end issues and testing transactions). The BOD treasurer and the financial oversight committee also reviews this information, and the board is privy to all financial discussions. Notably, there are no State or Federal Audit requirements. The auditors agreed that internal controls currently in place were satisfactory to the organization. Following this discussion, the board completed BOD orientation reviewing board liaison and board member assignments and responsibilities.

### **On May 14th, 2024, the DNA BOD held a virtual meeting.**

Those present included:  
Board Members:  
Nancy Smail, President  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Joan Pohutsky, Secretary  
Blake Bryant, Director  
Angie Hamilton, Director  
Nina Harry, Director

DNA Staff:  
Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Stephanie McCall, DNA Administrative Coordinator  
T.J. Beuhler, Invited Guest

Pending action items were reviewed. There was a Fisher Investments presentation by T.J. Beuhler that reviewed a DNA mandate for this reserve fund for Fisher investments to manage, comprised of 70% equity and 30% fixed income. Fisher investments assesses portfolios such as this against benchmarks: The equity (stocks) benchmark and the fixed income (bonds) benchmark. The benchmarks measure return as well as risk components. Since inception on 12/5/2008, the performance summary of DNA's portfolio is up by 246% in reserve funds. DNA staff also presented information about EBG-Member Deals, and the DNA motioned to extend these benefits to members at no cost to the DNA. The board reviewed the EAC needs assessment recommendations in preparation to share these with the 2025 program planning committee for conference.

### **On June 11th, 2024, the DNA BOD held a virtual meeting.**

In attendance were:  
Nancy Smail, President  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Joan Pohutsky, Secretary  
Blake Bryant, Director  
Angie Hamilton, Director  
Nina Harry, Director

DNA Staff:  
Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Stephanie McCall, DNA Administrative Coordinator  
Michael Brennan, Invited Guest

Pending action items were reviewed. M. Brennan reported information about the 2026 DNA convention, including lodging and event space. The board motioned to set up the contract with food and beverage budgets. The board discussed the current standing policy about re-accessing CE courses for members, and ultimately motioned to evaluate a new potential policy regarding re-accessing full and partial courses, procedures for handling extension requests, and building the functions into the CE center. L. Markham discussed that the RFP is in the final stages of completion and will be sent out to potential consultants who will be able to further assist in the prosperity of the DNA.





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Quarterly Financial Update	(as of August, 2024)
Gross Revenue	\$ 213,977
Gross Expenses	\$ 500,049
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Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ (286,072)
Balance on hand	\$ 32,990
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# Dermatology Nurses' Association Membership Portal

The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) is thrilled to announce the launch of its new membership portal, set to go live on September 18th. This state-of-the-art system replaces the old NetForum platform and offers DNA members a more seamless and empowering experience.

## **Membership Management:**

The new portal allows members to easily manage their membership details, communicate with fellow members, and renew their subscriptions with auto-renewal functionality. It also provides tools to track and cultivate each member's journey within the association.

## **Online Community:**

Members will enjoy continuous engagement through instant connections with peers and DNA. The portal fosters networking opportunities and provides access to relevant content, including blogs, polls, surveys, and professional development resources—all in one place. With its mobile-responsive design, members can stay connected on the go.

## **Online Store:**

The new portal also features an improved online store where members can purchase DNA memberships, books, and other resources. It includes a user-friendly shopping cart and options for recurring payments to simplify the renewal process.

The DNA membership portal is designed to enhance member engagement, streamline management, and offer a centralized hub for all things DNA-related..

**Visit the New Portal**



As the summer season begins to slowly wind down and we look ahead to the crisp cool fall weather, I wanted to let you know we are currently seeking volunteers for the Dermatology Education Advisory Council!

Bring your passion about dermatology and make a difference in the field. The Dermatology Education Advisory Council is eager for members to join our team and help shape the future of dermatologic education.

### Why Volunteer?

Volunteering with the Dermatology Education Advisory Council offers a unique opportunity to:

- **Influence Educational Programs:** Play a key role in developing and enhancing educational initiatives for dermatologists at all career stages.
- **Network with Experts:** Connect with leading professionals in dermatology, expanding your professional network and learning from the best in the field.
- **Enhance Your Skills:** Gain valuable experience in educational program development, leadership, and collaboration.

Together, we can make a significant impact on the future of dermatology. Join us today and be part of an inspiring effort to educate and empower the next generation of dermatology professionals. For more information, please contact us at [dna@dnanurse.org](mailto:dna@dnanurse.org)

I also encourage you to explore the newly redesigned Dermatology Nurses Association website to stay connected, informed, and at the forefront of dermatology nursing!

New launches for the third quarter of 2024 are as follows:

1. Robin Weber Immunology Symposium: Modern Management of Hidradenitis Suppurativa - Session 17132
2. Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Diagnosis & Management - Session 17133
3. A Nurse's Journey with Pemphigus Vulgaris - Session 17134

Finally, don't forget to save the date for the DNA 43rd Annual Convention taking place at the Doubletree by Hilton at Sea World in Orlando, FL, on March 5-8, 2025! In the meantime, the Education Advisory Committee will continue to work hard for our members in support of our primary function "promoting excellence in dermatological care in alignment with our core purpose". Thanks to all the Dermatology Nurses who are the backbone of dermatological care, embodying compassion, expertise, and dedication in their daily practice.



## Unlocking Potential: The Benefits and Barriers of Specialty Certification

Specialty certification such as Dermatology Nurse Certification offers numerous advantages that extend beyond expansion of skills and knowledge. Obtaining a specialty certification demonstrates a commitment to your field, a desire for continued learning, and excellence. This dedication distinguishes certified professionals from their peers and may also result in increased job opportunities, higher salaries, and greater career advancement potential.

One of the key benefits of specialty certification is the validation of expertise. Certified professionals are often perceived as more competent and knowledgeable, which can lead to greater credibility with employers, colleagues, and clients. This recognition can be particularly important in nursing where staying current with the latest developments, techniques, and best practices is essential. For example, the Dermatology Nurse Certification can assure patients and employers that the certified individual has met rigorous standards and maintains a high level of proficiency in the specialty of Dermatology.

Moreover, specialty certification can enhance job satisfaction and personal fulfillment. Certified professionals may have access to exclusive resources, networks, and continuing education opportunities, further supporting their professional growth and development.

Despite these clear benefits, there are several perceived barriers that individuals may encounter when contemplating specialty certification. These barriers can deter professionals from pursuing certification, despite their interest and recognition of its value.

One of the most significant barriers is the cost associated with certification. Fees for certification exams, study materials, and potential recertification can be substantial. For some, especially those early in their careers, these costs can be prohibitive. Employers may not always provide financial support for certification, thus leaving individuals to bear the full expense themselves. If this is one of your barriers, consider applying for a Grant Fund from the Dermatology Nurses Association. Additionally, volunteer to be a pilot tester for the Education Advisory Committee and earn free continuing education credits to meet recertification requirements.

The time required to prepare for and complete a certification can also be a significant barrier. Many nurses have demanding jobs and personal responsibilities that limit free time. The additional workload of studying for a certification exam can be overwhelming. Balancing work, personal life, and certification preparation requires careful time management. Consider creating a study schedule or partnering with colleagues to form a study group.

The fear of not passing the certification exam can also hinder individuals from pursuing certification. Certification exams are often requiring a deep understanding of the subject matter. The prospect of failing, coupled with the financial and time investments involved, can be daunting. This fear can be heightened for those who have been out of formal education settings for an extended period. Consider recognizing this fear and embracing it.

While specialty certification offers numerous benefits, including enhanced credibility, job satisfaction, and career opportunities, various barriers can prevent professionals from pursuing it. Identifying and addressing these barriers will get you closer to becoming a Dermatology Certified Nurse. Don't wait, start today!





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# Available in the CE Center RN Online Certification Course

Welcome to the Dermatology Certified RN (DNC) Online Review Course. This course was designed to provide the RN with a concise study guide to help prepare for the certification examination. It represents the countless volunteer hours of authors, vetters, and pilot testers. The course consists of 6 modules. The subject matter for each module was derived from content mapping of the DNC examination. Each module has accompanying review questions. Continuing education credit is obtained by successfully completing the review questions and attaining a score of at least 70%. Completion of the evaluation for each course is required to attain the continuing education certificate. Eligible for up to 11.5 Nursing Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Education (NCPD/CE) credits, which includes 1.00 ANCC Pharmacotherapeutic Contact Hour Credit.

Visit the CE Center Online:  
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The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



## Election Year and In-Person Meetings

As we approach another critical election year, it's more important than ever to engage with our elected representatives, especially when they are home from session. These moments provide a unique opportunity to discuss issues that matter most to our profession and the patients we serve. Whether it's advocating for better access to dermatological care, discussing the need for more funding in skin cancer research, or addressing workplace safety, meeting with our representatives while they are in their home districts allows us to personalize our concerns and share real stories from the field. Often, there are pre-determined open meetings or town halls you can find to get a feel for the current landscape. For individual relationship building and patient advocacy topics, it is best to meet individually.

Meeting in person with a local representative involves several key steps. First, you'll need to identify who your local representative is, which can be done by using online tools provided by government websites. Once you have this information, the next step is to contact their office to request a meeting. It's best to reach out well in advance, as representatives often have busy schedules, especially during election years. When you contact their office, be clear about the issues you want to discuss and why they matter to you and your community. Be prepared to provide flexible dates and times for the meeting, as this increases the likelihood of securing an appointment.

Once the meeting is scheduled, it's important to prepare thoroughly. Research the representative's stance on the issues you want to discuss and gather any relevant data, personal stories, or professional experiences that can help illustrate your points. On the day of the meeting, arrive early and dress professionally. During the meeting, stay focused on your key messages, be respectful, and ensure you express gratitude for their time. After the meeting, it's a good idea to follow up with a thank-you note, reiterating the points discussed and offering to provide any additional information or assistance in the future. This process not only helps establish a relationship with your representative but also ensures your voice is heard on important matters affecting your field and community.

With the heightened attention on constituent voices during election periods, your engagement can have a significant impact. I encourage you to take advantage of the time when your representative is home to schedule a meeting or attend a town hall. This is a chance to ensure that our perspectives as dermatology professionals are heard and considered in policy decisions. Let's make our voices count where it matters most—right in our own communities.



### Thinking about volunteering?

<https://www.dnanurse.org/aboutdna/thinking-about-volunteering/>

Currently DNA has more than 100 member volunteers, from the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee Members, to Membership Advisory Council Members, and Convention Workshop Moderators.

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## PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

LONDA HATHAWAY, MSN, FNP-BC, DCNP, CO-CHAIR

The 43rd Annual DNA Convention takes place in Orlando, Florida March 5th through March 8th, 2025. The theme for the Convention is “One for All” and will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton at Sea World in Orlando, Florida.

The 2025 Program Planning Committee members are Londa Hathaway, Co-Chair, Nancy Smail, Co-Chair and DNA President, Elizabeth (Beth) Jonas, Trudy Adamson, DNA Program Director, Emily Williams-Caro, Yedidya “Diddy” Dear, Veronica Fromann, Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director, and Kara Briggs, DNA Administrative Coordinator.

The Program Planning Committee met virtually on July 24, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the committee policies and roles and responsibilities of the Program Planning Committee members. The Program Planning Committee Strategic Plan was reviewed and the process for obtaining potential speakers and collecting the required documents was discussed.

The goals and objectives of the convention are:

- Meet educational needs through dermatologic educational programs based on feedback from previous conventions, educational needs assessment, evidence-based practice, current guidelines, therapies, and research.
- Provide an opportunity to network and enhance professional growth of attendees.
- Promote interest in dermatology-related fields, including safety, ethics, research, clinical testing, publishing, management, diverse and unbiased care, inclusivity, leadership, fellowship, and advocacy to advance dermatologic care.

The target audience includes nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, medical assistants, other healthcare providers, and staff who are specialized and/or have an interest in dermatology.

Several Education Tracks will be offered throughout the convention which include:

- Pharmacotherapeutics
- Professional Development/Research
- Surgical/Cutaneous Oncology
- Medical/Pediatric
- Aesthetics

The DNA Program Planning Committee is working diligently to recruit experts for oral presentations to fulfill the educational needs of the DNA members and Convention attendees. There will be general sessions open to all attendees. The Nurse Practitioner Forum will be offered March 7-8, 2024.

This year there will be Aesthetic workshops offered on Saturday, March 8, 2025. One Aesthetics workshop will focus on basic aesthetics and the second Aesthetics workshop will focus on advanced aesthetics. There are plans to offer a laser and cryotherapy workshop which will be sponsored by Brymill, who will supply equipment for a hands-on experience.

We began meeting monthly in August 2024 to continue to plan the 43rd DNA Annual Convention. We received several submitted abstracts for this year’s convention and are continuing to recruit expert speakers to meet the educational needs of the DNA members and attendees.

We look forward to working together and planning an amazing educational and networking experience for all attendees. DNA’s Annual Convention is a must attend for nurses and all professionals interested in dermatology. Mark it on your calendar to attend the 43rd Annual Dermatology Nurses’ Association Annual Convention March 5th through March 8th, 2025, in sunny Orlando, Florida.

### **Tell us about your Chapter?**

Our chapter is the NW Oregon DNA Chapter along with the demographic area of Washington. We have a chapter comprised of NPs, RNs, LPNs and Medical Assistants. We focus on providing educational and networking opportunities to those in our area.

### **List ways in which you grow your Chapter:**

We grow our chapter by sending educational event invites to all our members and encourage them to share the invites with co-workers. Getting non-members to attend events helps to spark their interest in becoming a member. Word of mouth is also huge – speaking to coworkers, especially new employees, is a great way to gain new members. When people hear about your experience firsthand it helps provide credibility.

### **What impact does your Chapter make in your local area?**

Currently our impact is on the dermatology community itself and ensuring we provide educational opportunities to everyone by making them readily available multiple times a year. We also try to support other dermatology events as well, like melanoma walks, etc.

### **What impact does your Chapter have on DNA?**

Our chapter has a positive impact on DNA by focusing on having engaged members. We are a relatively active chapter, and we always try to have a good presence at the National Convention.

### **What do your Chapter members love most about DNA?**

Our chapter members love the opportunities for free education and CE credits that DNA provides. It is a great member benefit.

### **What do your Chapter members love most about the field of dermatology?**

Our members love that the field of dermatology is diverse and constantly evolving. There is always something new to learn about in dermatology.

### **What advice would you give to new and existing members?**

Get involved – even if you don't know anyone or feel that you don't know how to contribute. Everyone in the DNA is always willing to teach and mentor you and the opportunities for personal and professional growth are abundant.





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**Contact Us today or visit our [Volunteer Section](#) for more information!**

**Contact the DNA National Office at [www.dnannurse.org](http://www.dnannurse.org) if interested or for more information.**

#### **What do you get out of being a volunteer for DNA?**

I have been volunteering for the DNA over the past 4 years and I find it very interesting, educational and a great way to meet likeminded nurses dedicated to taking care of the skin. We enjoy sharing our knowledge and staying up to date on the latest health-care trends in derm. Learning from each other and sharing different viewpoints helps me to practice my nursing craft effectively and ultimately benefits my patients.

#### **How has your volunteer work increased your professional knowledge of dermatology?**

I have been a dermatology nurse for over 35 years, and I am still amazed how nursing and dermatology continue to be so dynamic. By volunteering with the DNA, I am able to stay up to date on the latest healthcare trends and have an opportunity to increase my knowledge by participating as a pilot tester for the multitude of continuing education programs, and DNA certification educational offerings, available through the DNA. I also am an active member of the Educational Advisory Committee which reviews all the content being presented on the DNA website for DNA certification. I find it challenging to review the material for I have to be aware of the current evidence based content to ensure that the information being presented is correct and up to date. Staying current on the latest dermatology care is so important for nurses for it can impact patient care, professional growth, and help assist in regulatory compliance. I have learned so much from my peers and through all the educational programs I have evaluated for the DNA.



#### **How has volunteering with DNA enriched you as a person?**

Growing up I watched my parents volunteer their time to a diverse number of causes. They encouraged me to help others when needed and serve with a loving heart. Those experiences encouraged me to continue to serve others and volunteering with DNA is one way I can continue to help. Equally, volunteering with the DNA benefits me for I learn so much from interacting from my peers who all have years of experience in dermatology nursing, and it truly provides many insights and discoveries I would have never thought of before. I especially enjoy interacting with the Educational Advisory Committee on our monthly zoom meetings. The nurses are such a friendly and welcoming group from all across America and I look forward to our meetings. I enjoy spending my time with them and learning from each other.

#### **What are some projects you are currently working on within your committee?**

This past year was a very busy year for the EAC. We reviewed multiple educational presentations on psoriasis and phototherapy, hidradenitis suppurativa, pemphigus vulgaris, generalized pustular psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease, among others. I work in a world-renowned cancer center and having the opportunity to review this content enables me to stay current and share my knowledge base with my team and my patients.



## Tell Your DNA Story!

We invite our esteemed members to tell us their unique membership journey — why they chose to join DNA, the valuable benefits they've experienced, and the impact it's had on their professional growth. By sharing your story, you inspire others and showcase the numerous advantages of belonging to our vibrant community.

Join us in our conversation and be part of our collective commitment to excellence in dermatology nursing!

We call upon DNA members to express their membership story and the benefits of joining the Dermatology Nurses' Association:

**Written Testimonial:** Members can write testimonials detailing their personal experiences, highlighting specific benefits they've enjoyed.

**Social Media Posts:** We encourage members to share their membership stories on social media platforms.

**Video Testimonials:** Members can create short, 30 second video testimonials discussing their journey with the association.

**Blog Posts or Articles:** As a member, if you maintain a website, blog, or other news types of feeds, DNA encourages you to link to the DNA website.

**Email Campaigns:** Share our email campaigns!

Individual members can express the following points:

**Personal Growth:** Highlight how membership has facilitated your professional development and personal growth.

**Networking Opportunities:** Share the value of networking with your fellow dermatology nurses, experts, and leaders in the field.

**Community and Support:** Stress the sense of belonging and camaraderie within the DNA community.

**Advocacy and Influence:** Illustrate how membership empowers nurses to advocate for your profession and affect positive change.

**Exclusive Resources and Benefits:** Highlight the exclusive resources, benefits, and perks that come with your membership.

**Recognition and Leadership Opportunities:** Discuss how membership opens doors.

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#### On the Job

**What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?**

The biggest benefit I received from my DNA membership is the up to date education, the resources and endless learning opportunities available.

**What advice can you give people to get more involved with DNA?**

I encourage all nursing professionals to get more involved with the DNA because not only will it be a great resource for practicing dermatology nurses, but even outside of this speciality, it provides education that benefits all nursing specialties to help make you a more well rounded professional.

**Describe your first experience with DNA.**

My first experience with the DNA was attending the Annual Convention last year where I was welcomed with open arms by the board members and it was a truly memorable experience. Walking into the convention, filled with national professionals and experts from all over the country, I felt an immediate sense of belonging. The enthusiasm was palpable as we shared our experiences and insights, all with a common goal of advancing the profession of Dermatology within Nursing. The conference offered a wealth of knowledge through its sessions and workshops, each led by experts in the field. I was particularly impressed by the emphasis on the latest research and evidence-based practices. The interactive sessions allowed me to engage with speakers and peers, deepening my understanding of complex issues in dermatology.

Beyond the education, the networking opportunities were invaluable. I connected with nurses who shared similar challenges and successes, forming relationships that have continued to support my professional growth. The conference left me inspired, motivated, and better equipped to provide top-notch care to my patients and more enthused to continue to network with other providers.

**What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?**

The most satisfying aspect of my job is helping patients who once believed they weren't candidates for certain treatments. It's incredibly fulfilling to guide them through options they didn't know existed, and to offer solutions that challenge outdated beliefs. Being able to empower my patients with options and provide solutions that make a tangible difference in their lives is what truly drives me in this profession.

**What is your proudest career accomplishment?**

My proudest career accomplishment was not only being able to open my own practice but to have it be known as a staple in the community for safe treatments for all skin types and all people. It has been incredibly fulfilling to create a space where everyone feels welcomed and can receive the care they deserve.

#### On the Side

**What do you do when you're not working?**

When I am not working, I am soaking up every moment of being a mom and a wife. We only have 18 summers with our kids, so I am using every bit of time I have to create memories and travel with my family. We have gone to Italy, Aruba, Jamaica, Mexico, Turks and Caicos, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Marteen, Cayman Islands, London, Canada, and plan to go to Germany & Switzerland to ring in the New Year!

**What would you be doing if you hadn't become a dermatology nurse?**

If I was not a dermatology nurse, I would still want to be in the nursing profession because I feel like my calling is to help people when they are at their most vulnerable- therefore I would want to be a Travel ER Nurse. My true passion is experiencing different places, food, cultures, all while helping people.





# AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM



## Dermatology Nurses' Association Awards/Scholarships Program

The DNA Awards, Grants and Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge and recognize our DNA members and volunteers. The Program is divided into three categories:

### Recognition Awards, Monetary Grants and Scholarships:

Awards recognize our member volunteers who lead and give back to their community.

Grant funds support contributions to the dermatology nursing field and certification.

Scholarship funds support those wishing to advance their nursing education.

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### Criteria for all awards, grants and scholarships include:

All candidates must be a current DNA member for a minimum of two completed consecutive years of membership.

A DNA member may not win the same award two years in a row and may only win one award per year. All winners will write an article for the Focus Newsletter on what receiving their award has meant to them.

The Awards, Grants and Scholarships application process will be open year round. Deadline for applications to be received and reviewed is October 1st of the year prior to receiving the awards or funds. Applicants for certification grants, convention and mobility scholarships will be informed of the chosen recipient(s) by year's end. Funded grants and scholarships will be given out in the year following application. The volunteer recognition awards will be announced at the annual convention.

### Hall of Fame Award

Purpose: To identify the "Best of the Best" in the dermatology nursing profession. The recipient(s) will be inducted into the DNA Hall of Fame and will receive a plaque.

Please direct any questions to the DNA National Office via email at [dna@dnanurse.org](mailto:dna@dnanurse.org) or call 800-454-4362.

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# NURSE PRACTITIONER IN DERMATOLOGY

A nurse practitioner in dermatology is a clinician who offers holistic, high-quality care for their patients. They have advanced clinical training beyond their initial professional registered nurse preparation with a master's or doctoral degree and advanced education and training in the specialty. Many nurse practitioners also achieve dermatology nurse practitioner certification demonstrating a higher degree of professional competence. Nurse practitioners are highly-trained dedicated professionals who are trusted by both patients and other healthcare providers.

Expertise in dermatology is accomplished through specialty training or completion of a post-graduate internship program. In addition, the dermatology nurse practitioner participates in independent continuing education activities such as those offered by professional organizations such as Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA).

Increasing health care needs are driving the growth of the profession. Nurse practitioners in dermatology provide high-quality comprehensive care for diverse patient populations, increase patient access to healthcare services and decrease wait times to care.

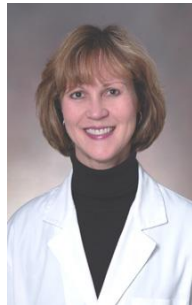
Nurse practitioners in dermatology emphasize the patient-centered holistic approach to dermatology through expert care, comprehensive examination, clear communication and continuity of care.

## Responsibilities

- Performs comprehensive examinations of the skin, hair, nails, and mucosa
- Orders and interprets diagnostic tests
- Prescribes medications
- Performs surgical procedures including biopsies and excisions
- Diagnoses and treats dermatologic conditions
- Provides counseling and education
- Works with other health care professionals to provide comprehensive care

### Other responsibilities may include:

- Phototherapy treatment
- Cosmetic procedures
- Laser procedures
- Telemedicine
- Policy development
- Dermatologic Research



*Role: Nurse practitioners in dermatology diagnose and treat a broad array of dermatologic conditions\**

*\*Scope of practice, regulations and prescriptive privileges vary by state*



*Nurse Practitioners in Dermatology work in a variety of settings including:*

*Group and private practices*

*Hospitals*

*HMOs*

*Academic centers*

*Community clinics*

*University health settings*

*Veterans hospitals and clinics*

*Nurse-managed clinics*



## NP Online Certification Review Course

### DCNP Course Description

#### **COST:**

***\$500.00 for members***

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Welcome to the Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner (DCNP) online review course. This course was designed to provide the nurse practitioner with a concise study guide to help prepare for the certification examination. It represents the countless volunteer hours of power point authors, vetters, and pilot testers. The course consists of 11 modules. The subject matter for each module was derived from content mapping of the DCNP examination. There is no audio associated with the course to allow the learner to proceed at their desired pace and facilitate timely updates. Each module has accompanying review questions. Continuing education credit is obtained by successfully completing the review questions and attaining a score of at least 70%. Completion of the evaluation for each course is required to attain the continuing education certificate. Eligible for up to 38.27 NCPD/CE credits.

We wish you success in completing the certification examination.

If you previously received CE's for any content you may access and complete again but for license requirements you can only claim credit once per module.

#### **Disclaimer**

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*The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*



### October 2024

- Eczema Awareness Month
- National PA Week - October 6-12th
- Global Handwashing Day - October 15th
- International Infection Prevention Week - October 15-21st
- National Medical Assistant Day - October 23rd
- World Psoriasis Day - October 29th

### November 2024

- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Nurse Practitioner Week - November 10-16th

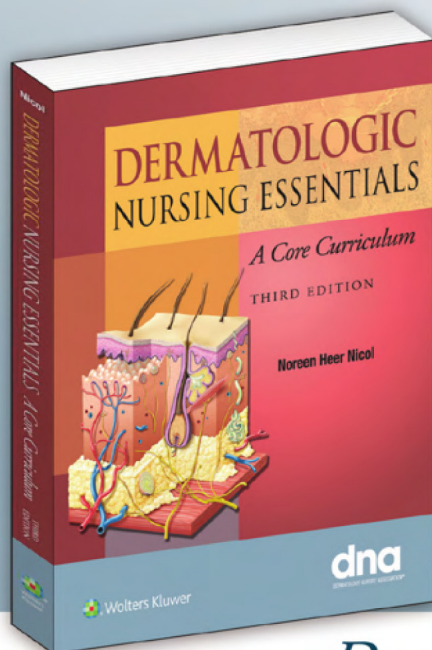
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