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In early October, Nancy was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. At the time of her diagnosis, she decided to take a leave temporarily from her position so she could concentrate on her treatment and getting better. After a discussion with Nancy, I volunteered to step back into the President role so that she could start treatment.

While Nancy was fighting through the treatments it looked like she would win the battle, however, there were other complications that arose in which she was unable to beat. It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I wish to inform you of Nancy's passing on November 21, 2024. DNA was such a big part of Nancy as she was proud to represent the DNA as the president. At the request of Nancy and her family in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dermatology Nurses' Association in her memory.



Leadership is in place and the BOD will continue to pursue the DNA mission. I will continue to serve as the DNA president until the annual meeting in March. Please know that I am here to help with the operations and to see that we carry out the day-to-day operations.

Robin Inabinet



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Gross Revenue	\$ 300,139
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Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ (372,118)
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Dermatology Nurses' Association Membership Portal

The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) launched its new membership portal in September. 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

Greetings!

The Education Advisory Committee continues 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. As we get ready to start a new year, and reflect on the accomplishments of the Dermatology Nurses Association as a whole, I look back on 2024 with gratitude and optimism for the future as we prepare for the DNA 43rd Annual Convention taking place at the Doubletree by Hilton at Sea World in Orlando, FL, on March 5-8, 2025. We hope to see you all there!

The Education Advisory Committee is still looking for new members who are passionate about advancing the field of dermatology nursing and eager to make a meaningful impact. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate with fellow professionals, share your expertise, and help shape the educational resources that support dermatology nurses across the country.

As a member of the Education Advisory Committee, you will play a crucial role in developing and evaluating educational programs that enhance clinical practice and improve patient care. Whether you have experience in curriculum development, teaching, or simply a strong desire to contribute, your voice is essential in fostering a culture of lifelong learning within the dermatology nursing field.

If you're ready to take your involvement with DNA to the next level and help shape the future of dermatology nursing education, we invite you to apply for a position on the Education Advisory Committee. Your expertise and enthusiasm are vital to our mission, and we would be thrilled to have you join us in this important endeavor. Let's work together to enhance the quality of education and patient care in dermatology nursing!





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Tell us about your Chapter:

Our chapter is based in Toronto, with members across Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. We hold an annual in-person meeting and workshop in Toronto, complemented by virtual events throughout the year. Our chapter has approximately 40 members.

What ways do you grow your Chapter?

We strive to invite membership from both community and hospital settings. We collaborate with our industry partners and foster the development of future dermatology professionals by welcoming nursing students into our activities.

What impact does your Chapter make in your local area?

We have built a strong network in the community that helps to spread the word of our chapter. As a result, we have a large community that is dedicated to sharing best practices and knowledge.

What impact does your Chapter have on DNA?

By cultivating a large and diverse network we can encourage and support engagement across the DNA to draw upon the strengths of our members.

Where does your Chapter find inspiration and motivation?

We are inspired by our collective commitment to expanding our members' knowledge and passion for dermatology. By doing this we foster a community that values learning, growth and excellence in the field that ultimately brings superior outcomes for patients.

What projects have your Chapter worked on as a team?

Our executive members have participated in strategic planning exercises aimed at optimizing our organizational growth and fostering the development of new ideas.

What Chapter success stories would you like to share?

As stakeholders and clinicians, the Canadian Chapter was asked to participate in a Reimbursement Review for Biologics in Psoriasis by CADTH (Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health) in 2023. This was led by Sandra Walsh. Sandra also has reviewed for the JDNA. And as well, she has been asked to do an interview with Quantify Research who have been hired by the International Federation of Psoriasis Patients who are developing an index report to measure the progress of psoriatic disease care for the Americas as it relates to the WHO Global Report goals for provision of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

What is your Chapter's definition of success?

As a chapter, we measure success by sustaining long term membership and engagement. We are proud that we can provide educational opportunities for our members.

What professional advancements have your Chapter members made this year?

Sheena Fortuna, one of our members is currently completing her Nurse Practitioner in Primary Health Care (NP-PHC). Sheena's area of expertise is Wound Care.

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.

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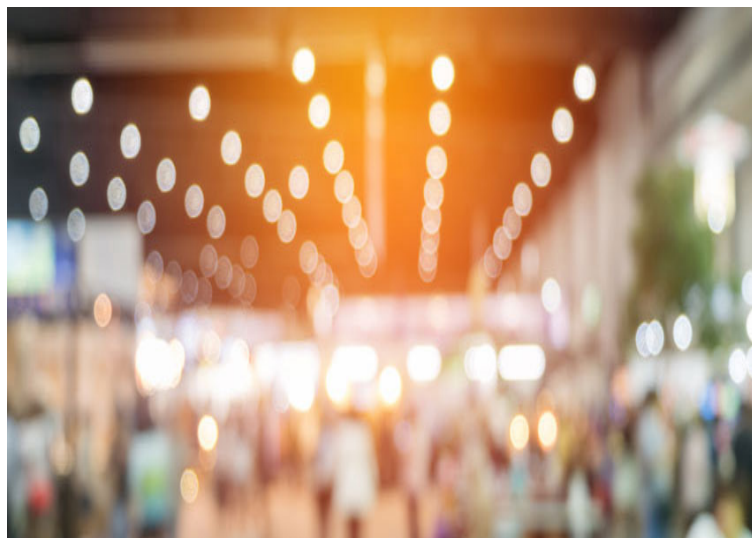
March 5-8, 2025

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Join Us in Orlando, FL

The 43rd Annual Convention takes place March 5th through the 8th, 2025 in beautiful Orlando, FL. Our theme for this year's convention is: "One for All". Save the Date and make plans to join us!

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Accommodations

The Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at Sea World has been designated as the official hotel for the 2025 Dermatology Nurses Annual Convention. The conference rates are available through January 27, 2025 or until the room block is full. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

About Orlando, FL

Orlando is a vibrant city known for its dynamic blend of attractions, including the world-famous Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. Beyond its tourist attractions, Orlando offers a thriving arts scene, lush parks, and a diverse culinary landscape, making it an appealing destination for both leisure and business travelers.



General Sessions

Keynote Address: Advocacy

Dr. Marilyn Dollinger, DNS, FNP, RN

A Pilot's Journey with Pemphigus Vulgaris

David Baron, BS

Mental Health and Atopic Dermatitis: Seeing the Unseen

Wendy Smith Begolka, MBS

How To Deal With Difficult People...And Look Forward To It!

Steven Shama, MD, MPH, FAAD

Hair Loss Gains

Victoria Garcia-Albea, BSN, MSN, RN, PNP, DCNP

Pick Up JAKs

Victoria Lazareth, MA, MSN, NP-C, DCNP

How To Have An Unforgettably Positive Day In Your Office

Steven Shama, MD, MPH, FAAD

Advancing Pediatric Dermatology Research: An Overview of PeDRA

Michael Siegel, PhD

The Sun Bus

Claire Mann, DN, AGNP

Eyelid Tumors and Reconstruction

David Harvey, MD

Dermatologic Emergencies

Ilka Netravali, MD, PhD, FAAD

Both General and Nurse Practitioner Forum sessions will include:

Innovations in Laser Technology: Tailoring Treatments to Diverse Dermatological Needs

Nina Harry, FNP-BC

Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Steven Daveluy, MD

Robin Weber Symposium: Overview of Immunology in Cutaneous Disorders

Lakshi Aldredge, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP, FAANP, FSDNP

Nurse Practitioner Forum

Biologic and Janus Kinase Inhibition

Victoria Lazareth, MA, MSN, NP-C, DCNP

Common Pediatric Rashes

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Regenerative Therapies – Biostimulants in

Dermatology Aesthetics Scarring Alopecia: Keys to Diagnosis and Management

Melissa Adair, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP

Psoriasis

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Skin of Color

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Core Curriculum Workshops will be offered on Saturday, March 8th that will include:

Aesthetics Workshop Basics and Aesthetics Workshop Advanced

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First-Time Visitors to Orlando

We're thrilled to have you join us at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld for the 43rd Annual DNA Convention! If this is your first time in Orlando, you're in for an exciting experience. Here's a helpful guide on what to expect!

Orlando Weather

Orlando enjoys warm, sunny weather year-round, making it a great destination for outdoor fun. In March, you can expect pleasant spring temperatures, typically ranging from the mid-60s to the mid-80s (°F). While it's mostly sunny, occasional rain showers are possible, so packing a light rain jacket or umbrella is a good idea. Sunscreen, sunglasses, and comfortable clothing will also help you stay comfortable while exploring the city.

Getting Around Orlando

While Orlando is a sprawling city with several transportation options to suit your needs:

Hotel Shuttle: The Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld offers shuttle services to local theme parks and attractions. Check with the front desk for schedules and availability.

Ride-Sharing Services: Uber and Lyft are widely available throughout Orlando, offering convenient and affordable transportation to and from local attractions, restaurants, and shopping areas.

Rental Cars: If you plan to explore further afield, renting a car might be the most flexible option, especially if you're visiting attractions like Walt Disney World or Universal Studios Orlando. The hotel offers parking, and driving around Orlando is relatively easy with well-marked roads and highways.

I-Ride Trolley: A fun and inexpensive way to explore the International Drive area, the I-Ride Trolley stops at many of the key attractions, restaurants, and shopping destinations along this popular route.

Explore Orlando

In addition to the nearby attractions, Orlando offers countless things to do, from world-renowned theme parks to shopping and outdoor adventures. Consider exploring areas like Disney Springs, a bustling shopping and entertainment district, or taking a stroll through Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando for a more relaxed afternoon.

Be Ready for Weather Changes

Orlando's weather can change rapidly, especially during the summer months when afternoon thunderstorms are common.

Bring a portable rain poncho: It's almost a guarantee that it will rain at some point during your trip, but storms often pass quickly. A lightweight rain poncho will keep you dry while allowing you to continue enjoying outdoor activities.

Have a flexible schedule: While Florida's weather can be unpredictable, you can plan your day around it by scheduling indoor activities, dining, or shopping during the peak of a storm and resuming outdoor adventures afterward.

Check weather apps: A quick glance at the forecast before you head out for the day can help you prepare for any sudden changes

We hope you enjoy your time in Orlando during DNA's 43rd Annual Convention! Whether you're here for business, pleasure, or both, Orlando's mix of attractions, great dining, and warm weather make it the perfect destination. Safe travels!

Visit our online destination guide at:
<https://convention.dnanurse.org/orlando/>

In-Person Convention dates: March 5 at 7:00 am – March 7 at 5:30 pm

Includes all educational and social activities, excluding Special Interest Workshops, NP Forum and any other additional registration fee selections.

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(Credit card payments only)

REGISTRATION FEES			
MAIN CONVENTION (March 5-7, 2025)	Member	Non-Member	TOTAL
Super Early Fee – on or before December 20, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> \$574	\$
Early Fee – Postmarked December 21, 2024 through February 10, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> \$549	<input type="checkbox"/> \$619	\$
Regular/Onsite Fee – February 11, 2025 and after	<input type="checkbox"/> \$559	<input type="checkbox"/> \$659	\$
One-day only <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$374	<input type="checkbox"/> \$414	\$
Student (Studying for initial RN degree – proof of enrollment required) w/registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$364	N/A	\$
Student one-day only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$269	N/A	\$
NP Forum (March 6-7, 2025) (Pre-Selected Sessions)			
NP Forum only (both days)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$439	<input type="checkbox"/> \$504	\$
NP Forum one-day only <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$404	<input type="checkbox"/> \$449	\$
NP Forum Student only (Proof of NP program enrollment required) w/registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	\$
NP Forum & Full Convention – Super Early Fee – on or before December 20, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> \$644	<input type="checkbox"/> \$689	\$
NP Forum & Full Convention – Early Fee – Postmarked Dec. 21, 2024 - Feb. 10, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> \$689	<input type="checkbox"/> \$774	\$
NP Forum & Full Convention – Regular/On-Site Fee – February 11, 2025 and after	<input type="checkbox"/> \$729	<input type="checkbox"/> \$854	\$
POST-CONVENTION CORE CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS (Saturday March 8)			
901 Aesthetic Basic – Half day (morning)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$284	<input type="checkbox"/> \$299	\$
902 Aesthetic Advanced – Half day (afternoon)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$284	<input type="checkbox"/> \$299	\$
901 & 902 Combo Special Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$334	<input type="checkbox"/> \$354	\$
Guest (other than attendee) Exhibit Hall and Opening Reception – \$199 Guest name _____			\$
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NO SESSION SELECTIONS REQUIRED – All General Sessions for the main convention registration.
 Separate General Sessions for the Nurse Practitioner Forum.

Wednesday, March 5	Thursday, March 6	Friday, March 7
12:15 pm ___ 130: Luncheon Symposium	11:45 am ___ 230: Luncheon Symposium	11:30 am ___ 340: Luncheon Symposium
6:30 pm ___ 170: 1st-Time Attendee Reception	*All Lunch Symposiums pending corporate support.	



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The Importance of Learning About Skin of Color and Gender-Affirming Care in Aesthetics Training

As the field of aesthetics evolves, it becomes increasingly critical for nurse practitioners (NPs) and other healthcare professionals to broaden their knowledge beyond traditional treatments and populations. In particular, understanding the nuances of treating skin of color and providing gender-affirming care has never been more important. These aspects of care are essential for ensuring equitable and inclusive patient outcomes and staying competitive in a rapidly diversifying market.

Why Nurse Practitioners Are Embracing Aesthetics Training

Nurse practitioners are increasingly drawn to aesthetics training for various reasons, including the desire to expand their skill set, diversify their professional roles, and provide more holistic care to patients. Aesthetics allows NPs to balance clinical expertise with creative problem-solving while helping patients enhance their appearance and confidence.



A recent trends report by Allergan highlights the growing demand for aesthetic treatments, particularly among younger patients. Many NPs find aesthetics appealing because it allows them to practice autonomously and offer personalized, patient-centered care that aligns with individual aesthetic goals (Allergan, 2019). The trend toward “prejuvenation”—preventative skincare treatments among younger demographics—reflects an increasing focus on long-term skin health, especially among patients of color, who are more likely to experience hyperpigmentation, keloids, and other skin concerns that require specialized care.

The Importance of Training in Skin of Color

One critical aspect often overlooked in traditional aesthetics training is the need for specialized education in treating skin of color. According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), nearly half of all dermatology visits involve patients with skin of color. However, many practitioners lack the training to address the unique needs of these populations (AAD, 2021).

This disparity underscores the need for targeted education on the specific dermatologic concerns that affect individuals with darker skin tones, such as post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation, melasma, and hypertrophic scarring. These conditions not only impact the skin’s appearance but can also significantly affect a patient’s psychological well-being and self-esteem.

For instance, treatments like laser therapy, chemical peels, and microneedling must be approached with caution in patients with skin of color, as these procedures can inadvertently cause further hyperpigmentation or scarring if not performed correctly. Nurse practitioners specializing in aesthetics must be proficient in selecting appropriate treatment modalities and tailoring interventions to meet the unique needs of diverse populations.

The Growing Need for Gender-Affirming Care

In addition to focusing on skin of color, there is an increasing need for aesthetics practitioners to be well-versed in gender-affirming care. Gender diversity in aesthetics is gaining attention as more non-binary and transgender individuals seek aesthetic treatments as part of their transition journey or to align their appearance with their gender identity.

Gender-affirming care involves much more than providing physical treatments—it requires a deep understanding of the emotional and psychological aspects of transitioning. Nurse practitioners must be equipped with both the technical skills to perform procedures, such as facial feminization or masculinization, and the cultural competence to approach these treatments with sensitivity and respect. This includes understanding the unique challenges that transgender and non-binary patients face, such as navigating healthcare systems that may not be fully inclusive or accommodating of their needs.



The aesthetic industry is increasingly recognizing the importance of gender diversity, and nurse practitioners who are trained in gender-affirming care are positioned to fill a growing demand for inclusive, patient-centered services. Education on gender-affirming care should not only cover the technical aspects of treatments but also emphasize the importance of building trust and fostering open, nonjudgmental communication with patients.

Personalized Care: A Critical Component of Aesthetics

One of the most significant shifts in aesthetic medicine in recent years is the move toward personalized, patient-centered care. This trend is evident in the increasing demand for customized treatment plans that address each patient's unique skin concerns, lifestyle, and aesthetic goals. As nurse practitioners, understanding the intricacies of personalized care is essential for delivering effective treatments and ensuring patient satisfaction.

Personalized care is particularly relevant when treating patients with skin of color and providing gender-affirming treatments. For patients with darker skin tones, practitioners must be familiar with how certain conditions manifest differently and how to adjust treatment modalities to prevent complications. Similarly, for transgender and non-binary patients, personalization goes beyond aesthetic outcomes—it involves respecting the patient's gender identity and providing care that aligns with their journey.

The Impact of Cultural Sensitivity in Aesthetic Training

Cultural sensitivity is a vital component of aesthetic training that ensures practitioners can meet the diverse needs of their patients. For nurse practitioners, developing cultural sensitivity means more than just understanding the physical differences in skin types—it also requires an awareness of the social and psychological factors that influence a patient's decision to seek aesthetic treatments.

For example, patients from different cultural backgrounds may have varying beauty ideals, which can affect their aesthetic goals. Some patients may prefer treatments that enhance certain features while maintaining a natural look, while others may seek more dramatic transformations. Understanding these cultural nuances allows nurse practitioners to provide care that aligns with their patient's values and expectations.

Furthermore, cultural sensitivity is essential when providing gender-affirming care, as patients' experiences with their gender identity are deeply intertwined with their cultural backgrounds. Nurse practitioners who can approach these conversations with empathy and cultural awareness are better positioned to build trust and provide meaningful care.

The Role of Continuing Education

Given the rapid advancements in aesthetic medicine and the increasing diversity of patient populations, continuing education is crucial for nurse practitioners who want to stay competitive and provide high-quality care. Ongoing training in skin of color, gender-affirming care, and personalized treatments ensures that practitioners are equipped to meet the evolving needs of their patients.

Several organizations offer specialized training programs and resources for nurse practitioners interested in expanding their knowledge in these areas. By utilizing these resources, nurse practitioners can stay at the forefront of aesthetic medicine and offer their patients the highest level of care (in some cases, you must be a member to gain access to resources):

- WPATH (World Professional Association for Transgender Health) provides education on gender-affirming care. <https://www.wpath.org>
- OutCare (add your name to the provider directory) <https://www.outcarehealth.org/>
- Diversity in Dermatology (provider directory coming soon) <https://diversityindermatology.com/>
- VisualDx (DNA and SDNP offers a discount for members) <https://www.visualdx.com/>
- Skin of Color Society <https://skinofcolorsociety.org/>
- HUED <https://huedco.com/courses/>
- Skinsight <https://skinsight.com/>
- Learn more about HUED's initiatives [here](#).
- Find a list of resources to share with parents [here](#).

Conclusion

Incorporating education on skin of color and gender-affirming care into aesthetics training is essential for nurse practitioners who want to provide inclusive, patient-centered care. As the demand for aesthetic treatments continues to grow, so does the need for NPs who can meet the unique needs of diverse populations. By staying informed and continuing education, we will not only enhance our clinical skills but also make a meaningful impact on the lives of our patients.

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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.

Your Stories can be emailed directly to:
dna@dnanurse.org

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On the Job

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

I have been a member of the DNA since 2009 and I am now the current Rochester NY DNA chapter president. Through many years of membership, I have advanced my dermatology career using the many resources available on their platform. The CEs available are a great addition to hands on learning within the dermatology field. I feel the biggest benefit is just being part of a group of professionals that love what they do, and meeting once a year at the DNA convention is the best.

Describe your first experience with DNA.

The first time I went to a conference was truly my first experience with the DNA. It was in New Orleans and was amazing. You never know how many people are in the same field as yourself until everyone gets together for the same goal. Learning, socializing and being in an amazing town is priceless.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?

Over the many years in Dermatology, I ventured into the field of Mohs Micrographic surgery. I truly enjoy the surgical aspect of the dermatology discipline. Within this field the dermatology nurse has many roles from preoperative patient care, medications, surgical skills and wound care, with a large focus on patient education. For me, it is truly satisfying to be a Mohs dermatology nurse.

What is your proudest career accomplishment?

I was a late in life student. I returned to school at age forty to become an LPN and entered the dermatology field. Belonging to the DNA since 2009 and learning how vast the dermatology field is, it inspired me to return to school again so I could become a Nationally Certified Dermatology nurse. At age fifty I graduated with my RN degree and challenged myself to study once again for the DNC boards. My proudest moment was when the DNC certificate came in the mail with my name on it.

On the Side

What do you do when you're not working?

I, like many others, am a fan of travel. I enjoy seeing new places and learning about other cultures. I also keep busy with playing flute in a community orchestra. The orchestra is a community service that brings music into care facilities where the residents may not be able to go out on their own. It makes me glad that I am able to be part of a community that brings some joy to others.

Describe Your Family:

I have been given such a wonderful gift of having an amazing family. Immigrant parents taught me to work hard, a husband that supported me through all of my educational adventures and our son is a PhD of history with a beautiful family of his own. I am truly grateful how generous life can truly be.

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 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.

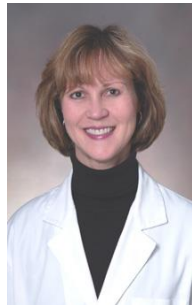
Nurse practitioners in dermatology emphasize the patient-centered holistic approach to dermatology through expert care, comprehensive examination, clear communication and continuity of care.

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

\$800.00 for non-members

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

The review questions at the end of each module may or may not be reflective of the certification examination questions. Completion of this course DOES NOT insure the participant will attain a passing score on the certification examination.

This package is only available for one year after purchase.

Commercial Support - Sanofi-Regeneron - Modules 1-10 only. No commercial support for Module 11.

Visit the Courses Online at:
<https://dna.digitellinc.com/dna/>

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.

January 2025

- Winter Skin Relief Day - January 8th
- World Leprosy Day - January 26th

February 2025

- National Cancer Prevention Month
- World Cancer Day - February 4th

March 2025

- Women's History Month
- International Women's Day - March 8th
- Lips Appreciation Day - March 16th
- Patient Safety Awareness Week - March 9-15th
- Certified Nurses Day - March 19th



Thinking about volunteering?

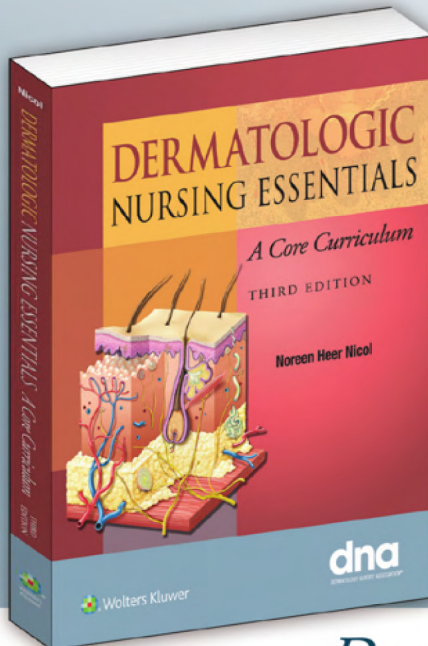
<https://www.dnanurse.org/aboutdna/thinking-about-volunteering/>

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.

There is something to do for everyone!

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Learn everything you need to know
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DNA is at the hub of a vibrant global network of dermatology care providers.

Health care professionals from around the world access DNA's knowledge and expertise in dermatology care through a wide variety of high quality educational resources including a premiere journal, international conferences, and cutting edge technology.

DNA members serve as content experts, educators, and advisors in collaborative health initiatives to assure inclusion of the dermatology nursing perspective.