Student Nursing Association

Students in the nursing program are welcome to become members of the state and national student nursing organization with a membership fee. Membership permits students to become active in local, state and national activities and affords students with the opportunity for election as representatives to state and local chapters. The organization promotes nursing practices and standards for student nurses and the profession.
Our SNA values are as follows;

- Increase presence on the Portland Campus
- Offer nursing student body variety of ways to be involved and become leaders
- Involve all nursing programs
- Successful communication with Nursing Department Faculty
- Establish bonds with other majors and departments through interprofessional service work

SNA Vision;

We strive to offer service and leadership opportunities to the nursing student body, and to promote professionalism and involvement on campus and in the community.

SNA Mission;

To increase presence of the nursing student body on the Portland Campus, to foster growth of student nurses in leadership, service and professionalism.
University of New England  
Westbrook College Campus  
Constitution of the University of New England  
Student Nurses' Association

Article I. Name

The official name of the organization shall be the University of New England Student Nurses' Association, hereafter referred to as UNESNA.

Article II. Purpose

1. Provide a forum for communication and decision making among students in the undergraduate UNE nursing programs.

Article III. Membership

1. In order to be a member of the UNESNA, a student must be enrolled in the UNE Nursing Programs.

2. Membership in UNESNA will be revoked when a student withdraws from the Nursing Program or misrepresents the UNE Nursing Program.

3. A position on the Executive Board will be revoked under the following conditions:
   a. Any student who withdraws from or fails to obtain a passing grade in a clinical nursing course, or elects to leave the UNE Nursing Program.
   b. Any student who misrepresents the UNE Nursing Program or UNESNA.
   c. If a board member is unsuccessful in a nursing course, he/she must step down from office, but may remain a member of SNA. The vacated position would be permanently filled. The student who stepped down from the board may be re-nominated for an available position on the board, (if desired), once they have returned to good academic standing.

Article IV. Officers

1. The officers' positions of UNESNA shall be that of two Presidents, two Vice Presidents, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one SGA representative, and one SNA liaison. One of the Presidents and Vice Presidents will be from the day option, and the other from the evening option.

2. Responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be as follows:
a. One of the Presidents will call each meeting to order, following an alternating schedule set up at the beginning of the school year. The assigned President will preside at the meeting, after both presidents have agreed on an agenda for the meeting. The Presidents will conduct the election process in the Fall Semester of each year, as well as assume other responsibilities deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

b. One Vice President will assume the responsibility in the absence of both Presidents, also following a pre-assigned schedule, assume responsibility for other positions, and other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

c. The Secretary will take and distribute minutes of the meetings, keeps updated membership lists and contact information, serve as a liaison to the faculty when needed, and other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

d. The Treasurer will keep accurate account of the funds, provide financial reports, chair the fundraising committee and other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

e. The Student Government Association Representative will represent UNESNA at SGA meetings, report any information to SGA, serve as a liaison between SGA and UNESNA, and other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

f. The Student Nurses’ Association Liaison will represent UNESNA to MESNA and other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

3. Election of Officers

a. The 2 Vice Presidents from the previous academic year will assume positions as Presidents without participation in the election process. Each president must be a second year nursing student, and will preferably have served as a Vice President in his or her freshman year.

b. To be eligible for executive positions, one must be a nursing student in good standing, passing nursing courses with C or better, at UNE and must have an understanding of the organization and be willing to participate in all UNESNA meetings/events. The SNA liaison must be a NSNA member.

c. Nominations will be held as follows: All members may nominate themselves or other members for the Executive Board positions. The student nominated must accept nominations.

d. Voting process shall be conducted by use of printed ballot, or electronically by email. Elections will take place during the fall semester, by the end of September. Faculty advisor will tabulate votes, and make announcement to the student body.
4. Terms of Office
   a. Terms of office shall be October 1, to May 15th of the following year (one-school year), with the exception of the presidents who will assume their duties on September first.
   b. Vacancies occurring prior to the completion of term in office shall be filled in the following manner: Remaining members of the Executive Board will conduct nominations and an election within 2 weeks to fill the vacant position(s) on the board. Students nominated to fill a board position must meet the criteria for that position as described in this document.

5. Impeachment charges may be brought against any officer and shall be filed by written notification to the Executive Board.

6. The process of impeachment shall be:
   a. Officer in question will be notified.
   b. Special meeting will be set up with Executive Board to discuss charges with all parties allowed to respond.
   c. Decision made to proceed with impeachment – a vote taken by Board members.
   d. Vacant Position (s) will be filled as described in Article 4, section 4 b.

7. Other committees of UNESNA will include but not limited to:
   a. Pinning Committee
   b. Community Service Committee
   c. Fundraising Committee
   d. By-laws Committee

Article V. Faculty/Staff Advisor
1. The Advisor of UNESNA must be a nursing faculty member.
2. The director of Nursing Programs, pending an approval by Executive Board members, shall select the Advisor.

Article VI. Rules and Procedures
1. Organizational meetings will be held at least monthly with additional meetings that may be scheduled by the Executive Board.
2. In order to conduct business, more than 50% of board members must be present.
3. In the event of a conflict concerning proper rules of a procedure, the Secretary will serve as the recognized authority.
Article VII. Non-Campus Affiliation

1. UNESNA is an affiliate of MESNA and NSNA.

2. Students within UNESNA may join NSNA on an individual basis.

Article VIII. Amendments

1. All amendments to this constitution must be made by the following process:
   a. Any proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the membership or Executive Board.
   b. Discussion regarding the amendment should occur.
   c. Voting regarding changes will be done by paper ballot or electronically by email.
   d. Approved changes shall become part of the UNESNA constitution.

Article IX. Discrimination Clause

1. The UNESNA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, visible or invisible disability, or veteran status in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.

Article X.

1. The UNESNA shall maintain a list of current officers, their addresses, the name of the faculty advisor, and the most recent amended constitution with the Student Government Association.