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HERE'S THE SCOOP FROM THE PRESIDENT

Staying Vigilant in the Heat of the Season

As we enter the summer months, I want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary work being done by our emergency nurses. This time of year brings unique challenges to our departments - from increased patient volumes to seasonal conditions that require heightened awareness and rapid intervention.

Your ability to respond with skill, compassion, and clinical expertise under pressure continues to reflect the very best of our profession. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

The Emergency Nurses Association continues to emphasize advancing excellence through education and evidence-based care, ensuring we are prepared for the evolving needs of our patients and communities. [ena.org]

Educational Focus: Heat-Related Illness & Hot Car Emergencies

With rising temperatures, heat-related illnesses become a critical focus in emergency care, especially in regions like ours. These cases can escalate quickly and often involve vulnerable

SAENA 2026 Meetings

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- July 14, 2026
- August 11, 2026
- September – No meeting!
- October 13, 2026 Officer Elections
- November 10, 2026
- December 8, 2026 Holiday Dinner

****SAENA will host additional dinner meetings this year which will be open to members and non-members alike. We'd love to meet other ER nurses in the area to enjoy dinner, find out what's happening in their facilities while explaining the benefits of being an ENA member!****

Business Meetings are held in-person and via Zoom.

If your facility would like to host a SAENA Business meeting in 2026 contact: Dustin English at denglish@petersonhealth.com

Know someone who would like to present a 1-hour lecture at a SAENA meeting...contact Carol Twombly at cltwombly@aol.com

For meeting locations and Zoom access information go to:

www.sanantonioena.org/meetings/

populations, including children, older adults, and those with chronic medical conditions.

Key Heat-Related Emergencies

Emergency nurses should remain vigilant for:

- Heat exhaustion – dehydration, weakness, nausea, dizziness
- Heat stroke – a life-threatening emergency characterized by:
 - Altered mental status
 - Core body temperature typically $\geq 104^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - Hot, dry skin (or sometimes profuse sweating)

Heat stroke requires immediate cooling and rapid intervention to prevent organ failure and death.

Hot Car Safety: A Preventable Tragedy

Each summer, children are brought into emergency departments after being left in vehicles. Even on mild days, temperatures inside a car can rise rapidly to dangerous levels.

Important reminders for staff education and community outreach:

- Interior vehicle temperatures can become lethal within minutes
- Cracking windows does not significantly reduce risk
- Children are at higher risk due to faster body temperature rise

Recognizing early signs - such as lethargy, altered responsiveness, or seizures - is critical for rapid lifesaving intervention.

What This Means for ED Practice

In the emergency department, early recognition and intervention are key to survival:

- Initiate rapid cooling measures immediately (ice packs, cooling blankets, evaporative cooling)
- Monitor for complications such as rhabdomyolysis, electrolyte imbalance, and organ dysfunction

What's Hot!

SAENA's 14th Annual Conference!

Hybrid Event

August 27, 2026

7 hours of education!

Drury Inn & Suites

15806 I -10 West

San Antonio, TX 78257

www.sanantonioena.org

See flyer below

National Blood Summit

July 21, 2026

Presented

by STRAC

See flyer below

- Prioritize quick triage and escalation, especially in pediatric patients

Beyond bedside care, we also have an important opportunity to educate our communities. Simple prevention messaging - “Look Before You Lock” and hydration awareness - can save lives.

As leaders in emergency nursing, we must continue to:

- Stay prepared for seasonal trends and surges
- Promote ongoing education and clinical readiness
- Support one another during high-demand periods
- Advocate for patient safety both inside and outside the hospital

Summer brings added challenges, but it also highlights the critical importance of what we do every day.

Emergency nursing is defined by readiness - being prepared for anything, at any time. During this season, that readiness can make the difference between life and loss.

Thank you for your continued commitment, your professionalism, and your dedication to the patients and communities we serve.

With appreciation,



Dustin G. English, MSN, RN
SAENA President 2026

What's Hot!

SANC Safety Conference

Call for Abstracts:

Due August 12th

Conference: September 12th

See flyers below!

Texas ENA

3rd Quarter

Virtual Conference

ED Nursing in

Emergency

Management

October 16, 2026

<https://txena.org/2026-virtual-conference-series/>

See flyer below

SAENA's NEW MEMBERS

The SAENA welcomes our new members who joined since March 14, 2026:

Jennifer Gunaji, Laci Booker, Stacey Boswell, Janeth Del Toro, Betty Mercer, Taralyn Muddiman, Kathy Presper, Kandice Ray, Crystal Schwerdtfeger, Anh Phuong Wright, Amy Zabel, Arianne Bauer, Rebecca Broussard, Emily Brunkenhoefer, Nicki Burtcher, Cindy Castillo, Jennifer Degner, Jennifer Dizon, Crystal Fuentes, Tonesha Garcia, Cynthia Garcia, Lacy Gee, Whitney Gonzalez, Carra Green, Noella Hill, Jami Juen, Allison Murray, Madeleine Ray Olaes, Melanie Owes, Carmen Perusquia, Carmen Peterson, Missty Phelps, Ashtyn Playfair, Ralph Riviello, Edward Russell, Amber Solis, Wendy Stone, Megan Villanueva, Kayce Ward, Linda Witte, Adriana Yanez, John Quiroz, Alejandro Cespedes, Gianna Christenberry, Enrise Scott, Angel Diaz, Elizabeth Mata, Andre Porras Castro, Alison Espinoza, Amber Nemeth, Anastasia Ruhliq, Elena Foote, Elizabeth Bedford, and Guadalupe Olvera.

Are You Ready?

Changes to the Texas Nurse Re-licensure Process

By Carol Twombly, MSN, RN

In January 2026, the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) announced significant changes to the nurse re-licensure process starting with those licenses renewing on September 1, 2026. https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/newsletter_pdfs/2026/2026-01_BON_Bulletin_Final.pdf Due to the passage of Texas Senate Bill 912, instead of simply completing the renewal form and paying a fee, nurses will have to demonstrate their continuing education (CE) competency before they can apply for re-licensure. This will be accomplished by uploading CE certificates proving they have completed a minimum of 20 contact hours of approved nursing education during the current licensure cycle (2 years). These contact hours must include specific courses which fulfil TBON's continuing education competency requirements based on the nurse's license type. https://www.bon.texas.gov/education_continuing_education.asp.html

While instructions detailing the entire re-licensure process have not been published, TBON has stated that renewing nurses must have a Nurse Portal account to complete the procedure <https://txbn.boardsfnursing.org/txbn>. At this time, the free account is best accessed through a computer as handheld devices such as mobile phones or tablets/iPads may not be compatible. It should be noted the Nurse Portal system is not the same as Nursys.com, TBON's license notification system and therefore requires its own account. Information regarding the Nurse Portal and videos on how to set up an account can be found at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/texasnurseportal/>

TBON has provided sufficient time for Texas nurses to prepare for the license renewal; collecting their CE certificates or obtaining the contact hours needed. If a CE certificate has been lost, a copy should be requested from the issuing organization, ex. Texas Emergency Nurses Association (TxENA). Contact information for such organizations can usually be found on the internet.

If the CE certificate cannot be replaced, the nurse must complete additional nursing education courses to obtain the needed contact hours. In most cases, for re-licensure purposes the missing contact hours can be replaced by any approved nursing education course(s). However, should the lost certificate be for a mandatory TBON continuing educational competency course, ex. Forensics, the replacement course must fulfil the specific TBON course requirements to be acceptable.

Nurses, especially those renewing for the first time, should be aware not all courses or organizations offering educational opportunities are acceptable to TBON for re-licensure. For example; BLS, CPR or courses provided by healthcare facilities which are designed to verify entry level nursing practice competencies are not acceptable. For more information nurses should review TBON's list of suitable providers and unaccepted course types.

https://www.bon.texas.gov/faq_education_continuing_ed_and_competency.asp.html#t5

Or contact TBON for clarification. (Customer Service: webmaster@bon.texas.gov Phone: 512-305-7400)

The TBON changes highlight the need for nurses to be prepared for re-licensure. Don't get caught short! Watch for the Tbon's procedure instructions. Obtain a Nurse Portal account. Identify which courses are required and what courses are acceptable. Keep CE certificates in a safe location. Start preparing for the renewal process early to allow enough time to overcome any shortfalls. Proper planning will ensure a smooth re-licensure process!

See TBON article below

Congratulations!

The SAENA is pleased to honor Dustin English, who received the 2026 South Texas Nurse Igemaker Award presented by TNA District 8 and Sigma's Delta Alpha at-Large Chapter on May 15th. The award recognizes significant contributions and accomplishments in the professional of Nursing.



Dustin English, MSN, BSN, RN
2026 South Texas Nurse Igemaker Award Winner



Welcome Forensic Nurses!

The Emergency Nurses Association recently announced the merging of the International Association of Forensic Nurses into the ENA.

The SAENA wishes to welcome those forensic nurses who are now members of the ENA and the San Antonio Chapter.

We know your expertise will greatly enhance our efforts to provide safe, evidence-based patient care and improved patient outcomes.

2026 TNCC Provider Courses!

August 1 – 2, 2026

October 10 – 11, 2026

**Course will be held at the
STRAC Building
7500 US-90 #1,
San Antonio, TX 78227**

**For more information see
<https://www.sanantonioena.org/education/tncc/> or**

**Contact: Susan Douglass
susan.douglass1948@yahoo.com
or (210) 215-5540**

2026 ENPC Provider Courses!

August 15 – 16, 2026

December 12 – 13, 2026

**Courses will be held at the
Methodist Clinical &
Professional Education
Department
8109 Fredericksburg Road**

**For more information see
<https://www.sanantonioena.org/education/enpc/> or**

**Contact: Diane Walcutt at
dianewalcutt@yahoo.com or
(210) 387-7236**

Safety Whys Child Care Course

A 7-hour training program for students 11 - 17 years of age who want to be more confident when babysitting. The course focuses on the child's action, logical consequences and interventions necessary to keep the child safe.

2026 Courses

November 14, 2026

Courses will be held at:

Helotes Police Department, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023

For more information click on the on the SAENA website 'Education' tab or

<https://www.sanantonioena.org/education/safetywhys/>

Safety Whys Update



The first Babysitter Course, held May 9th at the Helotes Police Department, went great! There were 12 students, representing 11 Schools!!!

The next course will be held on Saturday, November 14th.

This training is for youths; 11-17 yrs of age. Pre-registration is required.

Complete your registration online at: <https://safetywhys.com>

What's Happening and What's New?

In Nursing

Screwworm outbreak hits Texas

The New World screwworm has now been confirmed in five U.S. cases, with the USDA announcing three new detections Monday - a calf in La Salle County, a goat in Gillespie County, and a dog whose owner lives in Lea County, New Mexico, making it the first confirmed case outside Texas.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2026/06/08/usda-new-world-screwworm-fly-texas-outbreak/90457206007/>

The parasitic fly lays eggs in open wounds of living warm-blooded animals. Larvae then burrow into healthy tissue, causing wounds that can become life-threatening without treatment. (<https://www.yahoo.com/news/science/articles/three-cases-screwworm-confirmed-texas-181302027.html>)

The original outbreak was confirmed on June 3 in Zavala County in South Texas. The New Mexico case, roughly 400 miles from Zavala County, was initially reported by a Texas veterinarian before the USDA reclassified the animal's location.

USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins said the U.S. food supply is not at risk and pledged more than \$1 billion to push the pest back into Mexico. The USDA is currently releasing about 10 million sterile flies weekly over affected areas, with aerial dispersal flights set to begin Tuesday from Moore Air Base in Edinburg. President Trump also appointed Texas A&M Regent John Bellinger as senior adviser for screwworm preparedness. (from the June 9th Texas Flyover) <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/06/08/texas-screwworm-cases-food-supply-brooke-rollins.html>

The Role of Laughter in Child Development

(Medscape) June 3, 2026

Laughter is crucial for child development, serving as a marker alongside walking and talking. It emerges before speech, helping children process unexpected events and assess safety. In typically developing infants, involuntary, sensory-driven laughter emerges around 3-4 months and is mediated by limbic structures involved in emotion, memory, and behavior. Research highlights the role of laughter in activating neural reward circuits and increasing oxytocin, fostering social bonds. However, digital distractions and parental stress can hinder these interactions. Pediatricians can use laughter as an early developmental indicator, especially in conditions like autism. Encouraging laughter can reduce stress and enhance parent-child connections.

The Takeaway:

Laughter is a key indicator of healthy child development and social interaction.

<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/what-babys-laughter-reveals-about-developing-brain-2026a1000ia5?form=fpf>

In Government Affairs

State

- (From Texas Scorecard by Brenden Waldtens, June 7th, excerpt) Secretary of State Jane Nelson announced Tuesday that she will step down from the position on July 17, ending a three-and-a-half-year tenure leading the state's elections and business filings agency. Under Texas law, the secretary of state is appointed by the governor and must be confirmed by the Texas Senate. Because the Senate is not currently in session, a replacement could serve as acting secretary of state until lawmakers reconvene and consider the appointment.
- Primary Results from the May 25th election can be found at <https://electionresults.sos.state.tx.us/results.html>

National

Act Now! Protect Nursing Education and Workforce Programs (from AACN June 9th)

As Congress returns from recess, June is shaping up to be a critical month for nursing advocacy on Capitol Hill. AACN and our legislative champions are advancing key priorities that will directly impact nursing education, workforce development, and student access to financial aid. Take action today on the following priorities:

- **Support the Nursing is a Professional Degree Act:** To urge your Senators and Representative to cosponsor and pass legislation to protect adequate student loan access for post-baccalaureate nursing students use this link: <https://www.votervoice.net/iframes/AACN/Campaigns/137645/Respond>
- **Support Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S.1874/H.R.3593):** To contact your members of Congress and urge them to strengthen and modernize the nation's largest federal investment in nursing workforce development through 2030 use this link: <https://www.votervoice.net/iframes/AACN/Campaigns/136276/Respond>

(Washington Update, May 2026)

Department of Education Final Rule Fails to Deliver for APRNs

The Department of Education on May 1 issued a final rule affecting how American college graduates borrow funds to achieve advanced degrees. The rule locks in previously proposed annual student loan limits for graduate nursing degrees of \$20,500 and lifetime limit of \$100,000. For emergency nurses pursuing advanced degrees, this means decreased access to federal student loans that provide lower interest rates, manageable repayment terms and assistance programs for people in default. For degrees that carry costs exceeding the new limits, students needing loans will be forced to seek private sector funding, which often carries higher interest rates.

ENA took several steps to push back against these changes after they were proposed, including signing on to multiple coalition letters which featured dozens of likeminded groups in support of including nursing in the list of professional degree programs eligible for the higher loan limits. ENA also issued its own comment letter to the Department of Education noting higher loan limits may prevent negative impacts on emergency care in rural areas, where nurse practitioners are critical to maintaining the emergency care safety net. Emergency nurse advocates also stepped up by sending more than 120 comment letters through the EN411 Action Network.

Moving forward, ENA continues to advocate for existing Title VIII nursing workforce development programs and grants, as well as new programs to support nursing education, such as the Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act, which encourages new investments in nursing schools, and the Improving Care and Access to Nurses Act, which expands access to advance practice nursing care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

ENA's Day on the Hill Successfully Connects Emergency Nurses, Congressional Offices

Last month, 166 ENA members traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet members of Congress and their staff to advocate for ENA-supported legislation aimed at improving the working environment and educational opportunities for emergency nurses. This year's priorities included: reauthorization of critical Title VIII nursing workforce development programs; enactment of the Save Healthcare Workers Act; and passage of the Addressing Boarding and Crowding in the Emergency Department Act.

The first day included advocacy training, learning about the specifics of the bills and networking. Featured sessions covered advocacy wins, the Capitol Hill landscape, tips for effective advocacy and social media. There were also training presentations for both experienced and first-time Day on the Hill participants.

ENA members followed that up, the next day, with dozens of meetings on Capitol Hill to advocate for the bills. Preliminary reports indicate that representatives and senators from both sides of the aisle were receptive to ENA's legislative priorities and appreciated the advocacy of members. ENA will continue to press for consideration for all three measures as each directly impacts the work of emergency nurses and the quality of care received by patients.

ENA State Leaders: Got a State Bill to Track?

Contact ENA Government Relations and let us know the bill number - gov@ena.org.

EN411 Grassroots Advocacy

Members of Congress need to hear from their constituents – this means you! Action Alerts highlight ENA's priorities before the House and Senate. Through the links below, you can send a letter or X post to your member of Congress.

[Tyler's Law Passed the Senate. Help Us Ensure the House Takes Action!](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/135852/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/135852/Respond>

[The FAAN Act Makes Significant Investments in Nursing Education. Support it Today!](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/132193/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/132193/Respond>

[The Nursing Shortage is Real. Title VIII Programs Provide Real Support.](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/130098/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/130098/Respond>

[Emergency Nurses are Under Attack! A Federal Criminal Law Could Help Deter Violence.](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/130338/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/130338/Respond>

[Boarding and Overcrowding Have Been Problems for Years. Let's Do Something About It.](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/129758/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/129758/Respond>

[MISSION ZERO Is Popular, Innovative, and Needs to be Reauthorized. Learn More](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/128587/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/128587/Respond>

[Workplace Violence Has No Cure. Tell Congress to Do More to Fight It!](https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/126220/Respond)

<https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/Campaigns/126220/Respond>

If you haven't signed up, click below and never miss another Action Alert!

Join EN411 <https://www.votervoice.net/ENA/register>



**Mary Leblond, MSN, RN, CEN, CA-SANE, CP-SANE, FAEN
Chair Government Affairs Committees**

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Leah Keith

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2026 Texas ENA Meetings

Q3 – July 24 – 25, 2026

**Great Wolf Lodge
1000 Great Wolf Way
Webster TX 77598**

Hosted by Gulf Coast ENA

Q4 – October 16 – 17, 2026

Location to be determined

Hosted by Texas 10-59

For location and hotel info check the Meetings page of the TxEA website.

<https://txena.org/meetings/>

Opting Out

If you wish to opt out of receiving this Newsletter or other SAENA announcements, please notify SAENA at cltwombly@aol.com

A purple t-shirt is shown from a top-down perspective. The text is printed on the front of the shirt. The text includes a title, a main announcement, two bullet points, and three paragraphs of information.

SAENA Shirts!

SAENA has new Chapter shirts!

Two styles of the SAENA purple shirts:

- **“Golf Shirt”**
- **“Fishing shirt”**

Prices are \$35 - \$45+ per shirt based on style and size.

Only cash or check will be accepted when ordering.

Pick up of the ordered shirts can be done at a SAENA Business meeting.

Texas Board of Nursing - Continuing Education Requirements for RNs

All Texas RNs are reminded to review the Texas Board of Nursing's mandatory continuing education re-licensure requirements located on the website at https://www.bon.texas.gov/education_continuing_education.asp#D

There are several factors which must be kept in mind when reviewing the information on the website:

- Course content must meet the stipulation requirements of the Texas Board of Nursing
- The time frame or licensure cycle for repeating the requirement differs from course to course
- The RN's practice type and/or 'float unit' may determine if a nurse needs to take a course
- Advance Practice RNs (APRN) have additional course requirements than RNs
- Course requirements are not automatically met with certification
- Additional education requirements may be added at any time. These requirements are announced in the Texas Board of Nursing's Bulletin.

Current RN Requirements:

- Forensics Evidence Collection
- Older Adult and Geriatric Care
- Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics
- *Human Trafficking Prevention

****Must be an approved Texas HHS course.***

Current APRN Requirements:

- Pharmacotherapeutics
- Tick-Borne Diseases
- *Pain management and prescription of opioids
- *Prescription of opioids
- Authorization to receive information from the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program

**** All APRNs with prescriptive authority authorized to prescribe opioids***

Note: In 2025, the Texas Legislature passed a bill requiring nutrition/metabolic health be added to the mandatory continuing education for Texas nurses. Specifics requirements for this course: who needs to take it, how often and the number of hours of education, will probably be finalized by late 2026. These requirements will be published in the SAENA Newsletter as soon as it is available.



San Antonio Chapter

San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association
SAENA's 14th Annual Conference

Concepts of Emergency and Critical Care Nursing – 2026

August 27, 2026

Hybrid Event: In-person or Virtual Attendance

**Note New
Location!**

Drury Inn & Suites

15806 I –10 West

San Antonio, TX 78257

(Intersection of I-10 and 1604 on the Access Road)

FREE Parking and Wifi



Scan me!

ENA Member: \$80 Non-ENA Member: \$95 LVN / EMS / Student: \$80

7 hours of education!

Revised Feb. 3, 2026

<https://www.sanantonioena.org/2026-conference/>



San Antonio Emergency Nurses Association

'Concepts of Emergency and Critical Care Nursing – 2026'

August 27, 2026

Conference Mail-In Registration Form

Please type or print legibly

First Name (will be displayed on badge) Last Name Credentials (eg: RN, APN, LVN, EMT-P, etc.)

Employer/Facility Title

Home Address City, State, Zip

E-mail address Contact Phone Number

**ENA Number: Must include valid ENA Number for member discount!

Check correct box below!

REQUIRED - ATTENDANCE OPTION [] In-person [] Virtual

Registration [] \$80 [] \$95 [] \$80 (with member/student columns)

Payment Information

Make checks payable to: SAENA, Inc

Send registration form and payment to: Carol Twombly 15215 Wayside Oaks St San Antonio, Texas 78232

Contact: cltwombly@aol.com

*To register by credit card, go to the SAENA website:

https://www.sanantonioena.org/2026-conference/

*A 3% fee will be added to the registration cost when paying by credit card or PayPal. The PayPal registration payment process will automatically reflect this change.

**Registrant must be an ENA member on the day of the seminar to receive the ENA Member Discount

*** Student – as defined by ENA: an individual obtaining their initial licensure as an RN (registered nurse).

Cancellation Notice: A written/email request must be received before July 15, 2026 for a 75% refund. A written/email request received between July 16 and Aug 1, 2026, for a 25% refund. There will be no refunds issued after August 1, 2026.

https://www.sanantonioena.org/2026-conference/



NATIONAL BLOOD SUMMIT

July 21, 2026

**InterContinental San Antonio Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas**



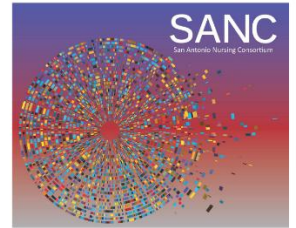
**Improving survival and expanding
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Register now at strac.org/summit

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2026 SANC ANNUAL PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE



The Value of NURSING:

DRIVING PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE CARE



September 12, 2026

Saturday | 8AM-3PM

San Antonio Marriott Northwest

3233 NW Loop 410 San Antonio TX 78213

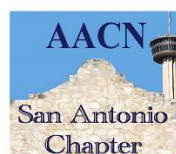
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SAN ANTONIO
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SANC ANNUAL PATIENT SAFETY CONFERENCE

Theme:

The Value of **NURSING:**

DRIVING PATIENT SAFETY
THROUGH COLLABORATIVE CARE



ALL TOPICS RELEVANT TO PATIENT SAFETY ARE WELCOME!

- Evidence-Based Practice
- Quality Improvement Projects
- Education
- Policy
- Research
- Patient Safety Innovations



Submit your Abstracts via Email to:

Lorraine Barton | lorrainebarton66@gmail.com

Abstract Submission Deadline:



AUGUST 12, 2026

Please include the following information:

- Abstract Title (without acronyms).
- Names, credentials, and workplace of ALL authors.
- Contact information of the poster presenter to include name, email, phone number.
- Abstract limited to 300 words.
- The poster should provide a summary of the project: background, purpose/goal, objectives, key activities/methods, project outcomes, and implications for practice.

Conference: Sep 12, 2026 | Sat | 8AM-3PM | San Antonio Marriott Northwest

www.sancsafetyconference.info

CHANGES TO CE REQUIREMENTS ARE COMING!



Don't be caught off guard!

[Senate Bill 012](#) was passed during the 80th legislative session, and it **changes the way Continuing Education (CE) is tracked** for all healthcare professionals, including nurses.

What is Changing?

Beginning September 1, 2026, all nurses will be required to upload their completed CEs into a digital tracking platform prior to license renewal. A license will not be eligible for renewal until the system confirms all CE requirements have been met. The Texas Board of Nursing is in the process of selecting a tracking platform vendor and will send out updates and instructions as they become available.

Why This Matters

Historically, nurses maintained their own copies of CE certificates and only provided them to the Board if selected for audit. The new tracking system will allow nurses to track and store their CEs for every renewal cycle in order to meet the new rule requirements on September 1, 2026.

The option to renew your license will only be available after you demonstrate CE compliance. Plan ahead and don't let your license lapse! **Failure to renew your license means you cannot practice as a nurse.**

How to Prepare

- Start collecting copies of all CEs now so you are ready to upload once a platform opens!
- Take CE courses from reputable providers who are on the [Board-recognized CE provider list](#).
- Check that you meet all [CE requirements](#), including [targeted CE](#) (See [Board Rule 216](#) for more information).
- Stay alert for further guidance from the Texas Board of Nursing on when and how to transition your CE records to the new platform. More information will be published over the upcoming months.

Begin organizing your CE records now so your next renewal goes smoothly!