

OHSU Nursing Councils: Become a Member

All nurses are members of the OHSU Professional Nursing Organization.
Shared governance depends on the active involvement of members as they represent their cluster / population.

Practice Council

- Defines, implements, and maintains the standards of clinical practice while setting the criteria for evidence based practice consistent with establishing or evolving professional standards and regulating agencies.

Education Council

- Ensures that staff development needs are assessed on a periodic basis.
- Coordinates educational offerings that ensure competence, ensures that principles of Adult Learning are incorporated into all educational offerings.
- Ensures compliance with regulatory requirements as they relate to new products and staff competence.
- Interfaces and collaborates with professional nursing entities at local, state, regional, and national levels.

Quality/Safety Council

- Oversees safe patient care and high quality nursing practice in collaboration with existing quality and safety committees.
- Thorough assessment of patient outcomes and nursing interventions will be used to evaluate compliance with established standards and to promote best practice innovation based on evidence.

Research Council

- Coordinates nursing research efforts between the Hospital and the School of Nursing by acting as a repository for information on all nursing research projects
- Identifies high priority clinical areas for which research may be appropriate
- Supports other councils as needed for data analysis and interpretation
- Enhances evidence based practice by dissemination of published and emerging research that relates to ongoing clinical practice
- Assists staff with conference presentations, publications, and posters
- Identifies opportunities for participation in multidisciplinary research efforts.

Council Membership:

1. Membership will be comprised of 50% staff nurses.
2. Seven Staff Nurses (one each from adult, critical care, pediatrics, mother-baby, peri-op, ambulatory, and specialty services).
3. Council Chair and Co-Chairs will be staff nurses.
4. Non-staff nurse members will include content expert, management representative, NPEC, and other members as defined by need.

UBNPC Chairs & Staff Nurses: Review the scope of the Councils, make a commitment to be an active participant, and talk with your nurse manager about membership on the Council as part of your professional goals.

1. UBNPC Chairs will recruit applicants from their cluster for the Councils. The applicants will be reviewed by the set of UBNPC Chairs within their cluster to be sure their cluster and units are well represented on each of the Councils. Applicants will complete an application by June 9, 2006.
2. The UBNPC Chairs will forward the applications directly to the PNCC Chair, Barbara Peraza-Santiago, MBU.
3. The PNCC will provide a list of candidates to the Transition Team (mailed to Debi Eldredge), who will appoint members of the respective Councils.
4. After the initial seating of the Councils, further vacancies will be filled in the same manner, but the PNCC will forward the list of candidates directly to the respective Councils for appointment.

Transition Team will review and make appointments to initial council in late June / early July. New Council members are announced at July Collaborative meeting.

Pick Up Applications HERE or at:

1. Center for Learning & Development (UHS 14B14)
2. Recruitment and Retention Office (UHS 9C5)
3. Online, from Nursing Portal

Meeting Days

- All Councils will meet on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Staff nurse coverage for members is being addressed at the cluster level. The meetings will be open to anyone who want to attend.
- First day of council meetings: August 2, 2006.