



Constitution of

Student Nurses' Association

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Article I

NAME

This organization shall be known as Mercer County Community College Student Nurses' Association.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose/function of this organization shall be:

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality of health care.
- B. To provide programs representative of fundamental interests and concerns to nursing students.
- C. To aid in the development of the whole person, his/her professional role, his/her responsibility for health care of people in all walks of life.

Section 2. Function

- A. To have direct input into standards of nursing education and influence the education process.
- B. To influence health care, nursing education and practice through legislative activities as appropriate.
- C. To promote and encourage participation in community affairs and activities towards health care and the resolution of related social issues.
- D. To represent nursing students to the consumer, to institutions, and other organizations.

- E. To promote and encourage students' participation in interdisciplinary activities.
- F. To promote and encourage recruitment efforts, participation in student activities, and educational opportunities regardless of a person's race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, marital status, lifestyle, disability or economic status.
- G. To promote and encourage collaborative relationships with nursing and health related organizations.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

A. Active members:

- 1.) Students designated as being in the Professional Phase of the Associate's Degree Registered Nursing Program at Mercer County Community College.
- 2.) Pre-nursing students, enrolled at Mercer County Community College who are on track for admission in the Associate's Degree Registered Nursing Program.
- 3.) Active members shall have all the privileges of membership.

Article IV MEETINGS

Officer meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:00pm or another date and time agreed upon by all members of the board of directors.

Member meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00pm and 8:30pm, or at the call of the President.

A quorum for the officer meetings shall be the President, Vice-President, and one other officer, whether Secretary or Treasurer and at least one faculty advisor.

A quorum for the member meetings shall be the President or the Vice-President, one additional officer, at least one faculty advisor, and at least five members.

Article V OFFICERS

Section I:

The Board of Directors will consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Projects Chairperson.

Section II:

A. President

- 1. Shall preside at all meetings of this association, appoint committees as needed, perform all other duties pertaining to the office and represent this association as needed.
- 2. Shall serve as chairperson of the Board of Directors meetings.

B. Vice President

1. Shall assume responsibility of the office of President in the event of the vacancy occurring in the office until the next regular election.
2. Shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
3. Shall assist the President as needed.

C. Secretary

1. Shall record and distribute the minutes of all meetings
2. Shall keep on file as a permanent record all reports, papers and documents.
3. Assist the president with official correspondence.
4. Deliver to the newly elected Secretary all association papers.

D. Treasurer

1. Submit financial reports to the Board of Directors and membership as directed by President.
2. Keep a permanent record of all dues received from members and any other income and disbursements.
3. Remit payment as follows:
 - a) Requests for disbursement of funds shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors.
 - b) Upon approval the treasurer will issue checks for those requests approved.
 - c) No funds will be disbursed without prior approval by the advisers.
 - d) All checks must have two signatures.

E. Projects Chairperson

1. Serves as chairperson of Projects committee.
2. Attend student activities council meetings.
3. Be accountable to the membership for notification of pending student activities.
4. Keep members informed about activities and keep bulletin board up-to-date.

Article VI

ELECTIONS

- A. Elections shall be held annually.
- B. All nominations shall be made from the floor.
- C. All elections shall be by secret ballot.
- D. A plurality vote of the members present and entitled to vote constitute an official election.
- E. In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be held.

Article VII

Amendments to the constitution may be made with a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a membership meeting provided that notice of proposed amendments has been sent to members at least four weeks prior to the meeting. Only proper amendments submitted in writing and carrying the proponent's signature will be considered.