

"What's in it for me?" Ever been asked that question by a prospective member, if so, your answer could be "here are **55 GOOD REASONS TO JOIN**".

- 1. To demonstrate pride in your profession.
- 2. To participate in the professional association that develops nursing-practice standards.
- 3. To take advantage of low-cost professional liability insurance.
- 4. To support a nursing association that is actively working to end the nursing shortage.
- 5. To receive significant discounts on registration for state seminars and conventions.
- 6. To participate in an association designed to meet the needs of all nursing professionals, including staff nurses, nurse practitioners, nursing educators and administrators.
- 7. To receive free information about your Region.
- 8. To be eligible for educational scholarships.
- 9. To be eligible for research grants.
- 10. To be eligible for honorary-recognition awards.
- 11. To participate in a professional association that works to resolve ethical concerns of nurses.
- 12. To participate in a professional association that works to resolve legal concerns of nurses.
- 13. To support programs for nurses who are chemically dependent.
- 14. To support a state association that monitors all new legislation affecting your nursing-practice act.
- 15. To support a nursing association that collaborates with other health-care professionals in matters of health care policy on the state level.
- 16. To support a nursing association that collaborates with other health-care professionals in matters of health-care policy on the local level.
- 17. To support an association that protects your right to deliver quality, cost-effective care.
- 18. To support an association that promotes women's rights.
- 19. To participate in a professional association that conducts lobbying activities on behalf of nurses on the state level.
- 20. To support an association that monitors all new health-related bills.
- 21. To support an association that works with your state legislature to obtain increased funding for health-care programs.
- 22. To support an association that provides professional testimony on issues vital to the public interest.
- 23. To support an association that initiates new legislation to improve the health-care delivery system and protect the consumer.
- 24. To support an association that promotes legislation to increase the quality, accessibility, and availability of childcare.
- 25. To support an association that is working to increase pay for nurses, making pay commensurate with the important job that you do.
- 26. To support an association that constantly seeks to improve working conditions for nurses.
- 27. To support efforts to promote the positive image of the nursing profession.
- 28. To support state associations that negotiates nursing contracts with hospitals and health-care institutions.
- 29. To support the association that interprets and promotes adherence to the Code for Nurses.
- 30. To support an association that promotes nursing research.

- 31. To support an association that encourages the implementation of the latest nursing research in day-to-day nursing practice.
- 32. To support an association that monitors and identifies the public need for health care services.
- 33. To support an association that determines the appropriate level of educational preparation for nurses.
- 34. To support an association that evaluates and approves continuing education courses for nurses.
- 35. To support an association that promotes and monitors career mobility opportunities for nurses.
- 36. To support an association that works with your state legislature to increase scholarship funds available for nursing education.
- 37. To support an association that is working to persuade legislators to allow third-party payment for nursing service.
- 38. To support an association that is working to assure access to affordable health care for poor, uninsured, and disadvantaged people and for people on Medicare or Medicaid.
- 39. To support an association that promotes community nursing services organizations as costeffective alternatives to expensive institutional healthcare facilities.
- 40. To support an association that encourages an increased focus on health promotion and the prevention of disease as cost-effective approaches to improving the public health.
- 41. To support an association that is working at all levels to meet the needs of homeless people, including mentally ill people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- 42. To support an association that has influenced the history of nursing in New Jersey.
- 43. To support an association that promotes patient welfare.
- 44. To support an association that endorses and works for candidates in state elections who support health-care issues.
- 45. To support an Association that endorses candidates on the local level who support health-care issues.
- 46. To demonstrate your commitment to your profession.
- 47. To further your opportunities for personal growth.
- 48. For the right to vote on nursing issues.
- 49. For the right to serve on association committees.
- 50. For the right to hold elected office on the Region level.
- 51. For the right to hold elected office on the state level.
- 52. To network with nursing colleagues locally.
- 53. To network with nursing colleagues statewide.
- 54. To have access to a forum in which you can share your interests, problems, insights and solutions.

## 55. BECAUSE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

## **CONVINCED?**

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