

FAQ

TNA, District 3.....a voice for ALL registered nurses

Who can join TNA, District 3? Membership is open to all registered nurses in all areas of practice, who have been granted a license to practice as a registered nurse in a state, territory, possession or District of Columbia of the United States, and not have your license under suspension or revocation at any time.

Why join TNA, District 3? When you become a member of TNA, you become part of the future change. TNA is your voice; one heard where it makes a difference, in our professional communities, the health care industry and to government leaders. You join thousands of Texas nurses in redefining our profession, gaining the recognition and professional satisfaction all nurses deserve.

What does TNA do for me, as a nurse? TNA advocates for all Texas nurses on all fronts. From staying on top of evolving policies to developing legislative initiatives that effect positive change. TNA is actively supporting and representing you each and every day. TNA appoints multiple task forces and committees to focus on the latest issues affecting our profession. From state agencies to special committees, TNA works hard to influence, watchdog and speak out on your behalf when policy important to nursing is being developed at local, state, and federal levels. TNA works with organizations across the state to address a variety of issues affecting the delivery of quality health care.

How has TNA affected the nursing profession? TNA is the only Texas nursing group representing all nurses' interests at the Texas Legislature. Through TNA advocacy, Texas nurses have gained:

- ✓ Nurse staffing rules are set with input from nurses.
- ✓ Safe patient handling and workplace safety requirements.
- ✓ Over \$35 million to increase nursing school enrollments and graduations to help alleviate the nursing shortage.
- ✓ Licensure simplification and mobility.
- ✓ Regulation of nursing education.
- ✓ Registered nurse title protection and recognition.
- ✓ Patient advocacy protections including whistleblower and safe harbor peer review.
- ✓ Peer assistance program.
- ✓ RN authority to pronounce death.
- ✓ Exemption from occupational tax.
- ✓ And many more.....

What does TNA do for me, personally? TNA offers worthwhile opportunities, information & support, and services & savings to its members. TNA provides registered nurses with invaluable opportunities to enhance your practice competency, help you grow professionally and advance your career. Your membership includes professional publications, discounted resource materials and the answers that you need to know.

Opportunities

- **Annual Nursing Leadership Conference**—learn about new issues, policies, rules, regulations and legislation impacting daily practice.
- **Specialty Certification**—receive a 55% discount on exam fees in more than 20 specialty areas tested through ANCC.
- **Continuing Education Discounts**—TNA’s online CNE Calendar connects you to a full range of clinical, management and self-growth programs. TNA, District 3 provides Continuing Education programs at a discounted rate or free to TNA members. TNA, District 3 will soon have Continuing Education opportunities available on the district website.
- **Professional Growth**—Ongoing educational opportunities including CNE Provider Workshop, Peer Review Workshop, and Pharmacotherapeutics for APNs.

Information & Support

- **Professional Publications**—Texas Nursing magazine, The Texas Nursing Voice, American Nurse today magazine, The American Nurse newspaper, The Online Journal of Nursing.
- **Discounted Resource Materials**—Up to 1/3 off ANA and TNA publications, with over 120 selections including the Annotated Guide to the Texas Nursing Practice Act.

Services & Savings

- **Financial Services**—A. Louise Dietrich Nursing Education Loan Fund, Banking & Credit Programs
- **Insurance Coverage**—Professional Liability, Dental, Disability income and Long-Term Care, Medical Catastrophe and Cancer, Medicare Part D and Supplement, Life Insurance
- **Services, Purchases & More**—Nursing apparel and shoes, Internet service, computers and PDA products, Online bookstore, Hotel savings and discount car rental, Fitness centers.

What types of Memberships are available? When joining TNA, District 3 you can choose from two membership options: ***TNA Tri-Level Membership*** or ***TNA Direct Membership***

The ***TNA Tri-Level Membership*** includes membership at the national level-- American Nurses Association (ANA), the state level--Texas Nurses Association (TNA), and a more local district level --TNA, District 3. The Tri-Level Membership gives you the opportunity to influence the nursing profession at each level. Tri-Level members receive full voting privileges, opportunities to grow and connect beyond the workplace through services on committees, task forces and coalitions. As a tri-level member you

will receive member discounts on a variety of conferences/workshops, publications and resources, goods and services, as well as ANCC certification.

Full Tri-Level Membership Dues: \$309.00/yr or \$26.25/mo. *TNA does offer discounts for nurses who are retired, work part-time, full-time students, new graduates, and disabled nurses.

***Tri-Level Membership Fee Discounted rates:**

Reduced Dues—(50% of annual dues) for RNs who are unemployed or working less than 20 hours a week, licensed RNs who are full-time students, new graduates from basic nursing education programs joining within 6 months of graduation, and RNs 62 years of age who are working and receiving Social Security. \$154.50/yr or \$13.37/mo

Special Dues—(25% of annual dues) for RNs over 62 years-of-age and not employed, or 100% disabled. \$77.25/yr or \$6.49/mo

The ***TNA Direct Membership*** gives you membership at the *state level only*. For many registered nurses, influencing nursing in Texas, where they practice, is their main interest. Pertinent to everyday practice in Texas, TNA Direct is a great option for RNs who are interested in influencing nursing practice but have limited time or resources for full involvement. This membership option does not include local membership in TNA, District 3.

TNA Direct Membership Dues: \$99.00/yr or \$8.75/mo