



## NCNA Member Testimonials

“NCNA has been the greatest networking vehicle I have ever had in my career. Through NCNA I have met some of the greatest mentors of my professional career.”

– **Trent Praytor, MSN, RN** NCNA District 3

“Being a member of the NCNA has allowed me to become a more active participant in my career and profession. Having been a previous member while in nursing school, rejoining the organization has been a pleasure. I felt welcomed. Receiving personalized emails and having my questions followed up on has really kept me engaged. The different benefits from joining, the nationwide auto discount especially, has really been an asset for me and my family. I also enjoyed the NCNA statewide conference this past fall. Getting to meet other nurses in different areas of the state and taking part of the Delegation activities was a really great experience. We have so much to be thankful for and I am thankful to be a part of such an awesome organization!”

– **Diamond Staton, RN, BSN** NCNA District 5

“I joined NCNA while I was in the BSN program at UNCC. I think the thing that I recognized initially was the camaraderie of your peers that develops so quickly within the membership, not just the nurses in your district or geographical area but throughout the state. You have an opportunity to work on committees, plan and go to conferences.”

– **Barb Balowsky, RN** NCNA District 21

“NCNA provides an opportunity for me to be involved with Nursing at a higher level than what employment alone can provide; which allows greater ability for me to participate in important nursing activities and interests. In addition to a forum to learn about and be involved with the political environment impacting nursing, I have the opportunity to network with nursing colleagues from other entities and locations across the state. NCNA provides the means to help me fulfill my professional interests beyond employment and participate in decisions that impact nursing at large.”

- **Donna Owen, RN, BSN** NCNA District 5

“NCNA membership has afforded me with multiple growth and development opportunities. For example, as a member of the Informatics Council, I have hosted council meetings, coordinated speakers and developed a network of colleagues in the field of nursing informatics who are an invaluable resource regarding best practices. As a member of the local District III Chapter, I had the opportunity to serve as President. Serving in this type of leadership role provides an opportunity to coordinate and develop the skills needed to effectively run a meeting, lead the BOD in decision making, facilitate membership involvement in special projects and so much more.”

– **Robin Hack, MSN RN NE-BC** NCNA District 3

“NCNA has been a wonderfully effective training ground for every leadership position I have held over the last 20 years.”

– **Gale Adcock, MSN, FNP, RN** NCNA Triangle Region

“NCNA is an outstanding organization providing support for nurses in North Carolina. Its website offers up to date information about current government affairs and pending legislation to its members. As a member, I have support from the Nurse Ambassadors Political Action Committee (PAC). That is important to me because there are no nurses in the legislature. As a member, I have legislative representation by a registered nurse lobbyist. NCNA is my voice in the General Assembly. It also provides links to nursing scholarships and reduced cost continuing education. The organization provides five publications to keep members abreast of the latest news impacting the nursing profession in North Carolina. It presents educational seminars throughout the year and is also a great way to network with nurses in other hospitals in different regions throughout the state. There are also opportunities to get involved as a volunteer and serve on committees or task forces and make a difference through participation in topics that are of special interest. The annual convention provides face to face access to board members and a forum to discuss important nursing issues throughout the state. NCNA is working hard to keep our profession strong. I am proud to be a part of this nursing organization and to support its causes. I encourage you to become a member and be a part of a bigger voice for professional nursing that is NCNA. You can help our profession grow and make a difference.”

– **Jeannette Orr, RN, BSN** NCNA District 21

“My NCNA membership means that I have a voice! Having knowledge of and an appreciation for the future direction of nursing in North Carolina allows me to be a part of the growing future of nursing. As a new nurse in the profession being a part of NCNA also allows me to network with many great nursing leaders across the state and from across the nation. Being amongst such great leaders inspires me to move forward with my career and to be of service in the profession. I have learned a tremendous amount of knowledge by being a member of NCNA. I am certain that what I have learned will serve me well in the future and I look forward to continued service with this great organization!”

– **Ryan Lewis, RN, BSN** NCNA Northeast Region

"I have found that being a member of NCNA has afforded me added opportunity to network with my professional colleagues. Oftentimes I am able to benefit from the experiences of other CNOs. Additionally, the monthly publication provides timely information relative to issues and trends across the state. This information helps me keep abreast!"

– **Tremonte Crawford, RN, BSN, MSN** NCNA District 9

“For me NCNA has provided me with a support system of nurses from across our state. I spend every day at work advocating for my patients and it is comforting to know that there is someone (NCNA) advocating for me each and every day. I am proud to be an involved member of NCNA. I think it is important for all nurses whether they have the time to be involved, or not, to take pride in their chosen profession and have a voice on the issues that affect the nursing workforce. They can do that by becoming a member of their professional organization!”

– **Autumn Foy, RN, ADN** NCNA District 21

“I joined NCNA as a new graduate and I encourage the nursing students I teach to do the same. We need to model professional behavior and show new nurses the importance of getting involved; by our attitude and actions we can influence change.”

– **Megan Williams, MSN, RN, FNP** NCNA Triangle Region

“I have benefited from NCNA by the opportunities to network with peers from across the state. I have developed a network of professional nurses from various fields that I would not know if not for NCNA.”

– **Brad Sherrod, RN, MSN** NCNA District 8