

Mission and Goals

The mission of the global Transcultural Nursing Society is to ensure that the culture care needs of the people in the world will be met by nurses prepared in transcultural nursing and health care.

The goals aim to develop a flexible and responsive organizational structure to meet the changing and ongoing global needs and human conditions related to transcultural nursing and health care to:

1. Promote the educational preparation of all nurses in transcultural nursing.
2. Facilitate the development of cultural competence in health care practitioners.
3. Facilitate the development, use, and dissemination of transcultural nursing research and knowledge.
4. Support use of transcultural nursing knowledge and competencies in diverse practice settings in order to provide culturally competent care.

Benefits of Membership

- ◆ Members receive six issues of the Journal of Transcultural Nursing and online access to issues back to 1989
- ◆ Newsletters, enews and resources
- ◆ Reduced fees at annual conferences and regional events
- ◆ Reduced fees for certification and recertification (CTN-A and CTN-B)
- ◆ Networking with nurses from many cultures
- ◆ Eligibility for scholarships and awards
- ◆ Eligibility for the Transcultural Nursing Scholars Induction (Criteria must be met and including support from a current Scholar)
- ◆ Ability to mentor and be mentored in the field of Transcultural Nursing

We welcome your membership and participation!!



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The Transcultural Nursing Society is a 501c3 organization eligible to accept donations. If you are interested in setting up a donation or recurring donation we would be happy to provide you with a the form and information! Any amount donated goes directly to help fund our scholarships and awards. You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation for tax purposes. The smallest amount makes the biggest difference! Email staff@tcns.org for more information or assistance!

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-Leininger

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Historical Information and Current Activities of the Global Transcultural Nursing Society

In the mid 1950's Dr. Madeleine Leininger became a leader in establishing transcultural nursing as an area of study and practice. In 1974-75, under the leadership of Dr. Leininger, nurses and other professionals committed to research, education and practice in this new field founded the Transcultural Nursing Society, originally at the University of Utah. Formal programs of study began in 1966. A goal of the early founders was to have a central office. The Central Office was dedicated on May 8, 2001 at Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan. The Society raised donations to pay for the building of the office as part of the College of Nursing and Health at Madonna University. The Society entered into an agreement with Madonna University to house the Central Office on it's campus. The TCNS Central Office is now operated virtually due to changing workforce needs and the availability of technology which allows for greater connection of committees and administration. TCNS remains a partner with Madonna University.

The Central Office with the Administrative staff works under the direction of the Board of Trustees and coordinates oversight for all of the activities of the Transcultural Nursing Society. Some major ongoing activities include project management, membership, maintenance of all society records, development of all promotional materials, development of the Newsletter, coordination of annual and regional conferences, chapter activities, and communication with persons inside and outside the society. In addition the web page, (www.tcns.org), a major means for communication globally, is maintained by the Central Office. Since its beginning, the Transcultural Nursing Society has sponsored annual conferences that cover a variety of contemporary issues and practice in the field of Transcultural Nursing. Conferences are held in the United States or in other countries such as Finland, the

Netherlands, Canada, Spain and the United Kingdom. In addition, regional conferences are offered by chapters and other groups to meet special interests and needs of nurses. A unique feature of conferences is that they are open to all nurses and others worldwide who wish to network and participate in discussions related to transcultural nursing issues.

In 1989, the *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, the official publication of the Transcultural Nursing Society, was first published with substantive theoretical, research and practice dimensions of transcultural nursing phenomena. The Journal is now published by SAGE Publications, with the Transcultural Nursing Society responsible for content. The Journal publishes six issues yearly and offers online viewing of issues going back to 1989. The Journal is translated into several languages and used by nurses and healthcare providers worldwide.

The first group of Transcultural Nursing Scholars was inducted October 8, 2004. The purpose of the Scholars group is to recognize persons who have documented demonstration of exemplary leadership by advancing transcultural nursing and health care research, education, practice and/or administration within regional, national or global contexts. The Scholars serve the organization in a variety of ways that promote the above purposes.

In 1988, the first cadre of twenty-eight nurses were certified as Transcultural Nurses (C.T.N.). A Certification Committee was responsible for this major activity of the organization. At the turn of the 21st century a Certification Task Force studied all issues related to certification and in 2006, The Board of Trustees accepted the Task Force Report that included the appointment of a Certification Commission to develop a valid and reliable test and testing process for Certification. In 2009 the advanced exam (CTN-A) was piloted, it was implemented in 2010, and is currently available. The basic exam was piloted and available beginning in 2012.

The Transcultural Nursing Society continues it's efforts today in the field of culturally competent, congruent healthcare for all people world-wide through programs such as the Lippincott Advisor bedside reference tool, Journal of Transcultural Nursing, annual and regional conferences to disseminate the latest research and best practices, and publication of the Core Curriculum for Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare to name a few. We hope that you will join us in supporting our mission, values and goals in the field of transcultural nursing! Your voice is valued and vital to this important effort on behalf of people worldwide!

Becoming A Member

You can renew your membership or become a new member through our

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL SYSTEM

<https://tcns.org/membership/>

If you prefer, you can download and fill out the membership form, return it via snail mail to the secure mailing address below.

Types of Membership Available

- ◆ **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (\$125 annually):**
Regular membership into the Transcultural Nursing Society is open to anyone wishing to learn more about trans-cultural nursing. You will receive the full benefits of membership and the ability to vote in all elections and meetings.
- ◆ **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (\$75 annually):**
Student membership is for full time students. In order to qualify for this category you *must submit* a copy of your student schedule and/or student identification showing that you are a full time student. Email to: staff@tcns.org. You will receive the full benefits of membership and the ability to vote in all elections and meetings.
- ◆ **RETIRED MEMBERSHIP (\$75 annually):**
Retired membership is for anyone 65 and older but would like to maintain a membership to the society. You will receive the full benefits of membership and the ability to vote in all elections and meetings.

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