



Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee

Call for Members

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) is currently recruiting for three (3) qualified Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and one (1) public member who has been a consumer of CNS practice.

The goal is for the committee to have a rich and diverse membership, which includes members from various settings, regions, and specialties throughout the State of California.

Purpose: The CNSAC provides a mechanism for nurses and other members of the public to advise and make recommendations to the Board on all matters relating to clinical nurse specialist practice, including but not limited to, education, appropriate standard of care, and other matters specified by the Board. This committee will focus on [Business and Professions Code section 2838.2](#) and make recommendations to the Board to establish categories of clinical nurse specialists and the standards required to be met for nurses to hold themselves out as clinical nurse specialists in each category. The standards shall take into account the types of advanced levels of nursing practice that are or may be performed and the clinical and didactic education, experience, or both needed to practice safety at those levels. In setting the standards, the board shall consult with clinical nurse specialists, physicians and surgeons appointed by the Medical Board of California with expertise with clinical nurse specialist, and health care organizations that utilize clinical nurse specialists.

In making a determination to apply, the following should be considered:

Expertise: CNSAC members must have demonstrated current expertise in clinical nurse specialist practice and have substantial knowledge of the Nursing Practice Act. Public members should have a strong interest in advancement of consumer protection.

Financial Reimbursement: CNSAC members will be reimbursed for travel expenses (i.e., transportation, meals, and lodging at the prevailing state rate).

Time Commitment: The CNSAC meets twice per year. The meetings will typically be scheduled for 90 minutes and will be held virtually and/or at various locations throughout the state. Members must be available for telephone and email consultation with BRN staff relative to program work and other program issues. The initial appointments shall be for the following terms: two of the four licensed CNSs shall serve a term of four years; one licensed CNS shall serve a term of three years; one CNS shall serve a term of two years; and the public member shall serve a term of four years.

Policies: Upon being selected to serve the specified term, the CNSAC member must attend the Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT) virtually or in Sacramento, California and be informed of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and other requirements and regulations.

Responsibilities: The CNSAC meetings are to develop advice and recommendations to the Board on all matters relative to CNS practice. The members are responsible for developing topics for the meeting agenda and presenting at the Nursing Practice Committee and Board meetings when necessary.

If you are interested in applying to serve as a volunteer as a public member on CNSAC, please submit your completed application, resume, and supplemental questionnaire to McCaulie Feusahrens, Chief of Licensing, by e-mail at BRN.CNSAC@dca.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the CNSAC please contact McCaulie at the email address listed above.