



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

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Dear Nursing Colleague:

The purpose of this letter is to seek your organization's affirmation of its 2008 endorsement *or* your organization's endorsement of core, entry-level Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) competencies developed by a national task force comprised of individuals committed to this work using an established consensus process. This letter also highlights additions since your organization's initial endorsement or review in 2008.

**Additions subsequent to initial review/endorsement:**

Since your initial review, the National CNS Competency Task Force has added:

- 1) Figure 1. Model depicting framework for CNS core competencies (p. 8)
- 2) Executive Summary (information previously provided to organizations via the initial endorsement letter) (p. 3-6)
- 3) Appendix 2: Addendum: Example of a national consensus-building process to develop nationally recognized education standards and role/specialty competencies (p. 10)
- 4) Appendix 4: Definitions and references (p. 13)

The CNS Core Competencies and Behaviors with Associated Sphere of Influence and Nurse Characteristics table (Appendix 5) has not changed since the time of your organization's endorsement or review.

**Endorsement**

The validated competencies are found in the attached document. We seek your endorsement of the core CNS competencies by October 1, 2010. In order to indicate your organization's endorsement, please email, mail, or fax a letter of endorsement to:

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If you have questions about this request, please contact Ethan Gray.

Thank you for your support of this national endeavor designed to identify core CNS competencies relevant to the entry-level CNS, regardless of specialty, population, or setting.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti R. Zuzelo".

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