

What is the value of an I/DD nurse's membership in DDNA to the nurse, employer, caregivers, and person with I/DD?

Specialization

DDNA was created by a group of I/DD nurses who saw a need to connect with each other, share information and education, and support the specialty of I/DD nursing. Incorporated in 1992, DDNA is a nursing specialty association committed to advocacy, education, and care for nurses who provide services to persons with developmental disabilities. DDNA believes that I/DD nurses are the experts in the nursing care of persons with developmental disabilities.

Improvement

The Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association (DDNA) is a nursing association that specializes in the nursing care of persons with developmental disabilities. By offering many benefits and valuable opportunities for members, DDNA helps members improve their knowledge, skills, and value as a I/DD nurse.

Involvement

From articles for the quarterly newsletter, to volunteering at the annual conference and on committees, DDNA's strength is in its members' active involvement in the association. DDNA's nurses enjoy participating and sharing their specialized knowledge for the betterment of their clients and colleagues.

Networking

Join us! We are an association of thousands of I/DD nurses, supportive associates, and student nurses who have united to promote the highest quality education, national recognition, and valuable specialty certification in this important, highly skilled area of nursing practice. Our members share a common purpose -- to enhance developmental disabilities nursing practice through networking and education -- effecting positive change for persons with developmental disabilities locally, nationally, and globally.

CERTIFICATION
EDUCATION
EXPERIENCE
SPECIALIZATION
IMPROVEMENT
INVOLVEMENT
NETWORKING
RECOGNITION
DISTINCTION



Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of DDNA. For quick registration with instant access to member benefits, register online at www.ddna.org. To register and pay by check, use both sides of this form. Questions? Call DDNA at (800) 888-6733, M - F, 9am - 5pm ET.

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____

Preferred First Name _____ Credentials (e.g., LPN, RN, BSN) _____

Nursing License No. _____ State _____

Personal Contact

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

Phone _____ Cell: _____

Email _____

Work Contact

Job Title _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

Phone _____ Ext. _____

Email _____

Preferred Contact (please circle)

Email: Home Work

Mailing Address: Home Work

Phone: Home Work Cell

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Community Connections

Chapter*/Network you belong to _____

*Ask your chapter about paying chapter dues with this form.

How did you learn about DDNA? _____

Membership List

Occasionally, DDNA rents its membership list, excluding email addresses and phone numbers, to vendors that offer products, services, or employment opportunities that DDNA believes would be of interest to its members.

____ Yes, include me. ____ No, do not include me.*

*Note: There is one exception. DDNA's conference sponsors receive a one-time-use-only mailing list containing all attendees.

Committees

Are you interested in serving on a committee? If so, please check the committee(s) you are interested in and we will contact you with more information.

____ Education and Conference ____ Membership
____ Certification ____ Chapters/Networks

Certification

____ Please email me information about becoming a CDDN or DDC.

Applying for membership by mail?

Once you submit your membership application and receive your membership card, visit www.DDNA.org to create your username and password. Why? Because you need the username and password to access your member benefits on the DDNA website. If you need help, call DDNA at (800) 888-6733.

Applying for membership online?

Visit www.ddna.org and click on "Join/Renew" to go to the Membership page. From there, click on the "New member registration (online)" link and fill in the form. After you submit your credit card information, you will be asked to create your own your username and password for your profile. By doing this immediately, you will be able to access your member benefits right away. If you need help, call DDNA at (800) 888-6733.

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I am joining as a:

Regular Member - \$80

Nurses who are interested or engaged in the specialty of I/DD nursing.

Associate Member - \$100

All persons who are interested in I/DD, but who are not nurses.

Student Member - \$40

Full-time undergraduate nursing students interested in I/DD nursing. Proof of full-time student status must be mailed to DDNA.

Retired Member - \$40

Retired nurses over the age of 65 interested in I/DD nursing.

Corporate Member - \$2000

Special nonvoting memberships for companies and organizations that support the goals and mission of DDNA. Benefits include preferential exhibit placement, one full attendee registration for the organizational designee, and special recognition at the DDNA conference.

Membership Dues* \$ _____

Add Chapter Dues (+\$20) _____

Total Dues enclosed \$ _____

Complete both sides of this application and mail with check (in U.S. funds) payable to DDNA.

Paying by credit card? You may join online using at www.DDNA.org or call (800) 888-6733. Do not mail your credit card information to DDNA on this form.

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* Dues are non-refundable and non-transferable. Checks not in U.S. funds will be returned. A charge of \$25 will apply to checks returned for insufficient funds.

Dues to DDNA may not be deducted as a charitable contribution but may be tax deductible as a business-related expense. Consult your tax adviser for information.

What does DDNA membership offer?

DDNA offers many benefits and valuable opportunities to members that improve their knowledge, skills, and value as a developmental disabilities nurse.

Education, information, and CE opportunities

- More than 70 hours of free continuing education in I/DD nursing (worth more than \$400) which can be used towards your CDDN or DDC certification and your state licensure CE requirements.
- Discounted registration fees to DDNA's annual education conference on developmental disabilities nursing - network with colleagues and learn from outstanding experts!
- The International Journal of Nursing in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - a peer-review quarterly journal.
- DDNA's online quarterly newsletter with articles and news about association activities.
- Access to a growing collection of more than 1000 online resources of interest to I/DD nurses.

Get involved and gain valuable experience.

- Opportunities to share and gain leadership experience by serving on committees.
- Volunteering and networking opportunities during DDNA's annual education conference.
- Be published! Contribute articles and news of interest to DDNA's online quarterly newsletter and journal.

Become a Certified I/DD Nurse.

- Specialty certification in I/DD nursing for both RNs and LPNs/LVNs.
- Certification study materials and special preparation courses.

Connect with other I/DD nurses locally, regionally, and nationally.

- Online forums and social networking opportunities for information sharing among members.
- Networking and continuing education opportunities through local DDNA Chapters and Networks.
- Supportive information upon request from knowledgeable professionals within the developmental disabilities nursing field.

Gain recognition

- Representation in the Nursing Organization Alliance and other professional organizations.
- Annual awards program recognizing excellence and service in I/DD nursing.

Assistance/Tools only DDNA could provide

- An in-depth web site that includes: a classified ad section with job postings for I/DD nursing; connections with social media and forums; detailed information about the CDDN/DDC exam; and more.
- Member-only - free advertising in DDNA's classified section of the website.
- Aspirational Standards of Developmental Disabilities Nursing Practice available as a members-only free download.

Interested in becoming a Certified Developmental Disabilities Nurse?

The value of specialty certification

Certification recognizes a nurse's experience in I/DD and validates his or her I/DD-specific knowledge and critical thinking ability. To be certified means that you are competent in your chosen field and have a recognized level of achievement. You understand and comply with the standards of your professional organization, live by those standards professionally, and set an example of excellence. Certification attests to your knowledge in your chosen specialty area of nursing practice. Certification provides a way to demonstrate your experience, competence, and proficiency beyond that required for nursing licensure.

As a nurse practicing in the I/DD field, certification also documents that you possess special knowledge and may give you access to expanded career opportunities and advancement. As a certified nurse, you also benefit the profession of nursing, the specialty of developmental disabilities, and the people for whom you care.

Certification programs offered by DDNA:

Registered Nurse Certification Program: The Registered Nurse Certification in Developmental Disabilities Nursing (CDDN) is the only certification program for registered nurses specializing in the field of developmental disabilities.

Licensed Practical Nurse/Licensed Vocational Nurse Certification Program: The LPN/LVN Certification Program (DDC) provides the only specialty certification for licensed practical/vocational nurses in the field of developmental disabilities.

Learn more about the process of certification and download the application at www.ddna.org/certification.