



*Our Mission
To develop, support, and
advocate for nurse leaders
as they enhance the delivery
of health care.*

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About KONL

Our vision is to be an engaged community of nursing leaders with one voice of advancing health in the Commonwealth.

Key Priorities:

- Foster the development of Nurse Leaders
- Promote the value of nursing
- Improve the value and engagement of membership
- Provide leadership that enhances the Nursing profession
- Promote a culture of safety and quality in health care

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Upcoming Events

National Certified Nurses Day March 19

2022 District Meetings: Notification per District Directors

National Certified Nurses Day



The KONL wants to recognize you on Certified Nurses Day. As a certified nurse, you demonstrate a level of professionalism that deserves praise and respect. Certified Nurses Day is a celebration of you for all that you do as board-certified nurses. Thank you for your commitment to patients, to high quality care, and for validating your expert knowledge and skills through certification.

There are more than 800,000 nurses certified by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (www.relias.com). The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) launched Certified Nurses Day to give certified nurses their own annual day of recognition. March 19 was the chosen day because it is the birthday of Margretta Madden Styles, a visionary nursing leader and scholar who was known as the 'Mother of Nurse Credentialing' (www.certifiednursesday.org).



Addressing Kentucky's Nursing Shortage

A priority in the Governor's budget is to address the critical nursing shortage in Kentucky, which led the Governor to declare a State of Emergency in December 2021 followed by an Executive Order to help boost enrollment in nursing training programs.

“Our nurses are the brave, compassionate health care heroes who care for our people daily,” said Gov. Beshear. “We knew before how important they are, but now we’ve seen just how critical as we’ve navigated COVID-19. We’ve got to act and support Kentucky’s nurses as they’ve supported us since Day 1 of this pandemic.”

To help recruit and retain nurses, the Governor is providing \$6 million each year to increase the number of scholarships awarded to potential nurses. Current scholarships are financed by a portion of nursing licensing fees, which only supports around 150 students. The Governor's budget doubles the maximum award from \$1,500 per semester to \$3,000 a semester.

Another burden many nursing students face are student loans; a hurdle which the Governor's budget addresses head on through a student loan forgiveness program that would begin in May 2022. The Governor's budget would provide \$5 million each year for five years to provide student loan forgiveness up to \$3,000 annually for each year a nurse or nursing faculty member is employed in their position in Kentucky.

The Governor's budget also directs \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds to finance a marketing and outreach program for the nursing profession to enhance recruitment.

<https://governor.ky.gov>



2022 KONL Board Members

President	Michelle Pendleton
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Legislative Chair	Michelle Pendleton
KHA Representative	Deborah Campbell
KBN Representative	Mandi Walker

2022 District Directors

Bluegrass District	Brandy Mathews
Cumberland District	Judy Ponder
Ohio Valley District	Joann Mattingly
Twin Lakes District	Alysia Adams

**Want to join KONL but not sure of your KONL district?
The map below outlines the 4 regions**

We welcome you to join so please visit the KONL website at <http://kyonl.com/members/contact-us/> or contact:

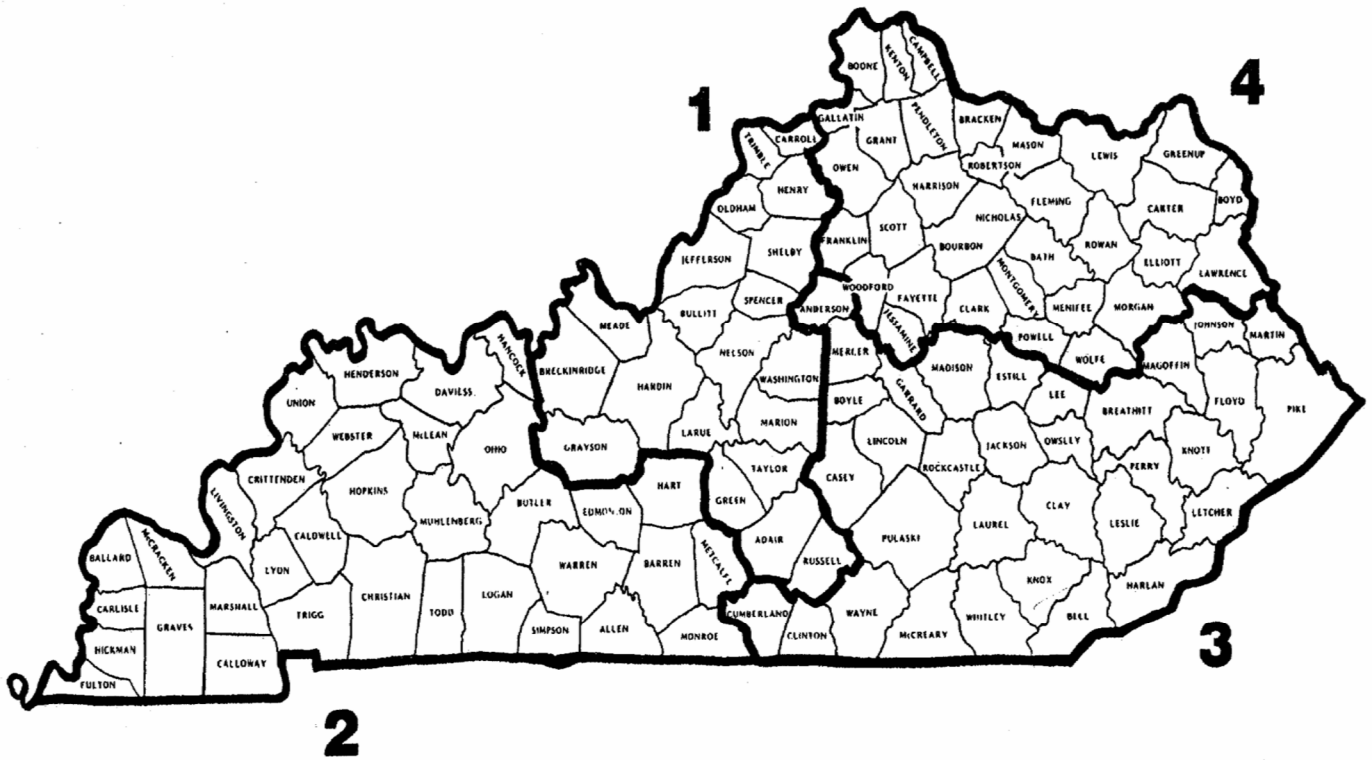
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Annual dues are \$60.00 and membership can occur throughout the year.
The process can be completed online or by paper application.

Kentucky Hospital Association

Region Boundaries



Legend: 1. Ohio Valley Hospital Region
2. Twin Lakes Hospital Region

3. Cumberland Hospital Region
4. Blue Grass Hospital Region