

Transcultural Nursing Society Toolkit for Networking Chapters, Regional Liaisons, & Cooperative Alliances

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What is a TCNS Networking Chapter Toolkit?

- The toolkit provides information and resources about starting and participating with an Area Networking Chapter, Regional Liaison, or Cooperative Alliance of the [Transcultural Nursing Society \(TCNS\)](#). Additional information and regional contact information can be requested through the Transcultural Nursing Society Central Office: staff@tcns.org.

What is the purpose of a TCNS Networking Chapters, Regional Liaisons, and Cooperative Alliances?

- To support individuals and groups as they enact the mission, vision and goals of the Transcultural Nursing Society.

Mission: The mission of the TCNS is to enhance the quality of culturally congruent, competent, and equitable care that results in improved health and well being for people worldwide.

Vision: The TCNS seeks to provide nurses and other health care professionals with the knowledge base necessary to ensure cultural competence in practice, education, research, and administration.

Philosophy/Values: TCN is a theory based humanistic discipline, designed to serve individuals, organizations, communities, and societies. Human care/caring is defined within the context of culture. Culturally competent care can only occur when culture care values are known and serve as the foundation for meaningful care. Scholarship* is the foundation of the discipline of TCN. Advanced educational preparation in TCN enhances the practice of culturally competent care. Certification documents evidence of the ability to provide culturally competent care. To achieve our vision, the TCNS requires a stable financial base.

Goals of the TCNS

- To advance cultural competence for nurses worldwide
- To advance the scholarship (substantive knowledge) of the discipline
- To develop strategies for advocating social change for cultural competent care
- To promote a sound financial non-profit corporation

*Scholarship in nursing can be defined as those activities that systematically advance the teaching, research, and practice of nursing through rigorous inquiry that 1) is significant to the profession; 2) is creative; 3) can be documented; 4) can be replicated or elaborated; and 5) can be peer-reviewed through various methods.
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/positions/scholar.htm>



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What is a TCNS Networking Chapter?

A Networking Chapter is a formally recognized unit approved by the Board of Trustees. Chapter members are members of the Society who usually share common geographic areas and adhere to the rules and by-laws of the Society. Chapters may call meetings at any time and conduct conferences related to the purposes of the Corporation.

How do I start a Networking Chapter?

First, you **must** be a [member of the Transcultural Nursing Society](#). Then you must identify your local area and interested Transcultural Nursing Society Members and potential members. Then you must fill out the *Petition for Networking Chapter Registration*. The petition is then submitted to the Transcultural Nursing Society Central Office. The office will review the application and contact the listed representative with any questions or information that is required. The application will then go to the Central Office/Member-at-Large and the Board of Trustees for review, discussion, and vote. If approved for a chapter, you will be contacted by the TCNS Central Office with information and instruction regarding your newly formed chapter. If there is further information the Board requires, you will be contacted by the central office. If a chapter petition is denied, you will be contacted by the TCNS Central office with the information and the reason. The time frame for completion is based on the Boards' meeting schedule and can take anywhere from 30 to 90 days.

How do I determine my regional area?

Regional areas are usually determined by the location of the city where your chapter will hold most of its meetings. For instance: **Denver Area Networking Chapter of TCNS. We also have virtual chapters.**

Who can join my Networking Chapter?

Any individual who is a member of the Transcultural Nursing Society may participate within a chapter. An individual may attend an informational meeting regarding joining a chapter prior to becoming a member. All members of chapters must be members of the Transcultural Nursing Society.

What Networking Chapter(s) can I participate in?

TCNS members may participate in any chapter(s) they choose, regardless of geographic location. [Click here](#) to view a list of current chapters and member contact information.

How are Networking Chapters organized?

After being approved as an official Transcultural Nursing Society Networking Chapter and having your geographical region approved, you would form a Board to oversee your activities. The Board may consist of only a few positions to start such as President, Vice President, and Secretary and expand as necessary. You must designate one person to be the contact for information with the parent organization, the Transcultural Nursing Society, and submit that name and contact information to the TCNS Central Office.



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How often do Networking Chapters meet?

The meeting schedule for chapters is determined by the chapter itself. Generally speaking, quarterly meetings would be suggested.

What information do I need to supply to TCNS after my Networking Chapter has been formed?

The chapters need to check in with the Central Office on a quarterly basis with a list of members who are participating within that chapter, along with any scheduled activities. Contact information, described in the next section, will be supplied to you after the approval of your chapter.

What support can I anticipate from the Transcultural Nursing Society?

The primary contact for a Networking Chapter is the [TCNS Central Office](#). The Central Office can support chapters by answering questions, providing resources and information, and providing lists of members to contact in your regional area. In addition, give assistance with local programs and contacts for potential speakers, any issues regarding TCNS membership and/or organizational issues. TCNS will also post information regarding your chapter meetings and activities on our website and in our newsletter.

Do Networking Chapters have bank accounts?

Chapters do not have bank accounts unless they are approved to become separately incorporated while still operating under the parent organization. If a chapter wishes to have a program and charge a fee, the chapter should contact the Central Office for more details. If a chapter wishes to seek separate incorporation, they need to contact the TCNS Business Manager for more information.

Can Networking Chapters have programs that also offer CEU's?

Yes, there are several ways that a program can be facilitated (see information in next section regarding granting of actual contact hours). A Chapter must have the program approved by TCNS prior to using the Chapter name and TCNS logo for advertising. You **must** submit your program information to the Central Office for review. Depending on the content, it may have to be approved by the TCNS Board of Trustees, so please allow 90 days for the process to be completed. Please contact the Central Office; we are happy to assist you.

Does TCNS grant contact hours?

TCNS does not grant contact hours. Local programs may need to seek CEU's through a local organization. If the program is being brought to the local area by TCNS, then TCNS will seek approval for the contacts hours through our provider.



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What is a Regional Liaison?

A Regional Liaison is an individual who serves as a contact for the purposes of promoting membership and interest in the Society. Regional liaisons serve geographical areas and share information and resources from the TCNS.

How do I become a Regional Liaison?

To be considered for a Regional Liaison or Cooperative Alliance role, an individual must first hold current membership in the Transcultural Nursing Society and identify the region they wish to serve.

Applicants must complete and submit the [Petition for Regional Liaison and Cooperative Alliance](#) form through the Society's online system. Upon submission, the administrative office will review the application and may contact the applicant for clarification or to request additional information, as needed.

Following administrative review, the application will be forwarded for formal review and approval in accordance with Society governance procedures. Upon approval, the Board of Trustees and the Member-at-Large will be notified of the new Regional Liaison or Cooperative Alliance contact.

The applicant will receive official notification once the review and approval process is complete. The timeline for processing is dependent on the central office may range from approximately 30 to 90 days.

How do I determine my regional area?

Regional areas are usually determined by where you live and work. A geographical area where you have a large number of contacts. For instance: **Denver Area Regional Liaison** or **Colorado Regional Liaison**.

What are the duties of a Regional Liaison?

A Regional Liaison is a point of contact person for information regarding the Transcultural Nursing Society and local transcultural nursing opportunities and programs. They are a networking contact to help serve members and potential members who would like information on the topic of transcultural nursing and the Society.

What support can I anticipate from the Transcultural Nursing Society?

The primary contact for Regional Liaisons is the [TCNS Central Office](#). The Central Office supports Regional Liaisons by answering questions, providing resources and information, assistance with issues regarding TCNS Membership or organizational issues. TCNS will also post information regarding regional resources and activities on our website and in our newsletter.



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What is a Cooperative Alliance?

A Cooperative Alliance is an individual or organization that collaborates with the Society for the purposes of educational exchanges, joint conferences, mutual support, and promotion of joint membership of its members.

How do I form a Cooperative Alliance?

To be considered for a Cooperative Alliance role, an individual must first hold current membership in the Transcultural Nursing Society and identify the region they wish to serve.

Applicants must complete and submit the [Petition for Regional Liaison and Cooperative Alliance](#) form through the Society's online system. Upon submission, the administrative office will review the application and may contact the applicant for clarification or to request additional information, as needed.

Following administrative review, the application will be forwarded for formal review and approval in accordance with Society governance procedures. Upon approval, the Board of Trustees and the Member-at-Large will be notified of the new Regional Liaison or Cooperative Alliance contact.

The applicant will receive official notification once the review and approval process is complete. The timeline for processing is dependent on the central office may range from approximately 30 to 90 days.

What support can I anticipate from the Transcultural Nursing Society?

The primary contact for a Cooperative Alliance is the [TCNS Central Office](#). The Central Office supports Cooperative Alliances by answering questions, providing resources and information, along with assisting with any issues regarding TCNS membership or organizational issues. TCNS will also post information regarding Cooperative Alliance activities on our website and in our newsletter.

LINKS TO ONLINE APPLICATIONS: <https://tcns.org/tcnchptliaisons/>

QUESTIONS: 734-780-4853

EMAIL: STAFF@TCNS.ORG



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Does TCNS have banners with the logo that Networking Chapters, Regional Liaisons, and Cooperative Alliances can use?

The Transcultural Nursing Society maintains a limited number of banners that may be made available to chapters for use at approved programs, subject to availability. Requests to borrow a banner will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are contingent upon the banner not being in use for other Society activities.

Can I use the TCNS name and logo?

The TCNS name and logo use are granted after the [use of logo application](#) is filled out and submitted to the Central Office. Please review the policy and form that is located on our [website](#). The form must be filled out anytime that the logo is used on flyers, programs, mailings, or any other materials. Chapters, Regional Liaisons, and Cooperative Alliances must have these activities approved and notify the central office of all meetings/activities where the logo will appear.

Where are the TCNS membership forms and information?

[Membership forms](#) and information can be found on the TCNS website: www.tcns.org. Please be sure to pay attention to the requirements needed to qualify as a full time student in order to receive the student rate.

Where can I find the forms to become a Networking Chapter, Regional Liaison, or Cooperative Alliance?

All applications for [Regional Liaison](#), [Cooperative Alliance](#), and [Chapter establishment](#) must be completed through the Transcultural Nursing Society's official online portal.

Applicants may access the required forms by visiting the following link:

<https://www.tcns.org/tcnchptliaisons/>

This webpage provides access to the *Petition for Regional Liaison and Cooperative Alliance* form as well as materials related to **chapter applications**, including instructions and supporting documentation requirements. Applicants should carefully select the appropriate application type and ensure all required fields are completed accurately.

All materials must be submitted online, along with any requested supporting documentation, at the time of application. Applicants are encouraged to review all instructions and guidelines on the webpage prior to submission to ensure compliance with Society policies and to support timely processing of the application.

Who do I contact if I have questions or issues?

Networking Chapters, Regional Liaisons, and Cooperative Alliances may contact the TCNS central office at: 1 (888) 432-5470 with any questions, concerns, or issues they may be having. Additional contact information is listed below.

Transcultural Nursing Society Contact Information

Central Office	1-888-432-5470 (Toll Free)
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