

## What's the difference between KNA and KBN?

*Who do I call?*

### Kentucky Nurses Association Profile

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Established in 1906, the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) is the only full-service member-drive professional organization for the state's entire nurse population. In addition to promoting the essential role of registered nurses in healthcare delivery system, KNA serves as an advocate for quality patient care in all settings. From the halls of Frankfort and state agencies to boardrooms, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, the KNA is the strong voice for the nursing profession throughout the Commonwealth. Activities are funded through membership dues, products and royalties.

### The Kentucky Board of Nursing Profile

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[kbn.ky.gov](http://kbn.ky.gov)



The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, governed by the Nurse Practice Act, established in 1914. The Board is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association. The Board's role is to protect public health and welfare by developing and enforcing state laws governing the safe practice of nursing. The Board is self-supporting through fees assessed for professional licensure. The agency receives no general fund tax appropriation.

#### The KNA:

- Writes, edits and publishes the award-winning *Kentucky Nurse*. It is distributed to all nurses in the state, even non KNA members.
- Helps members with information and resources related to nursing, nursing practice, education, scholarships and a variety of additional topics.
- Serves as liaison for information to state agencies, legislators, healthcare organization and the media.
- Offers member discounts for the KNA Convention, Summit and all other KNA programs.
- Offers member discounts on KNA products and services.
- Provides networking in many areas such as practice, legislation, academics, research, etc.
- Offers complimentary resume review and assistance for members.
- Connects members to "members only" website portal.
- Serves as continuing education provider.
- Offers full-time lobbying representation in Frankfort and at the nation's capital to ensure that nursing has a voice regarding legislative activities.
- Offers recruitment portal for every healthcare entity in Kentucky.
- Provides the Nightingale Tribute program to honor deceased nurses through the Kentucky Nurses Foundation (KNF)

#### The KBN:

- Grants licensure to practice nursing to qualified applicants. (LPN, RN and APRN)
- Credentials Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and dialysis technicians (DTs).
- Interprets laws and regulations related to the legal scope of practice
- Develops regulations (rules) necessary to implement its statutory responsibilities and duties.
- Establishes minimum standards of nursing practice.
- Sets minimum standards for nursing education and maintain list of approved schools.
- Defines and describes nonprofessional conduct.
- Takes disciplinary action on licensees in response to nonprofessional conduct.
- Maintains a list of names, addresses and licensure status of persons they license.
- Approves applications for prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses.
- Provides scholarships through collected licensure fees.
- Maintains registry of individuals who are credentialed as state registered nursing assistants (SRNAs).