



# THE EVOLUTION OF NURSING ORGANIZATIONS

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# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, 1873



National league of Nursing, 2018

American Society of Superintendents of Training School for Nurses was the first professional nursing organization in the United States established in 1873.

It is now known as the National League for Nursing.

# NURSES ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE, 1876



Nurses Associated Alumnae was established in 1876 and is presently known as ANA.

## Mission Statement:

Nurses advancing our profession to improve health for all.

ANA advances the nursing profession by facilitating standards, ethics and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public.

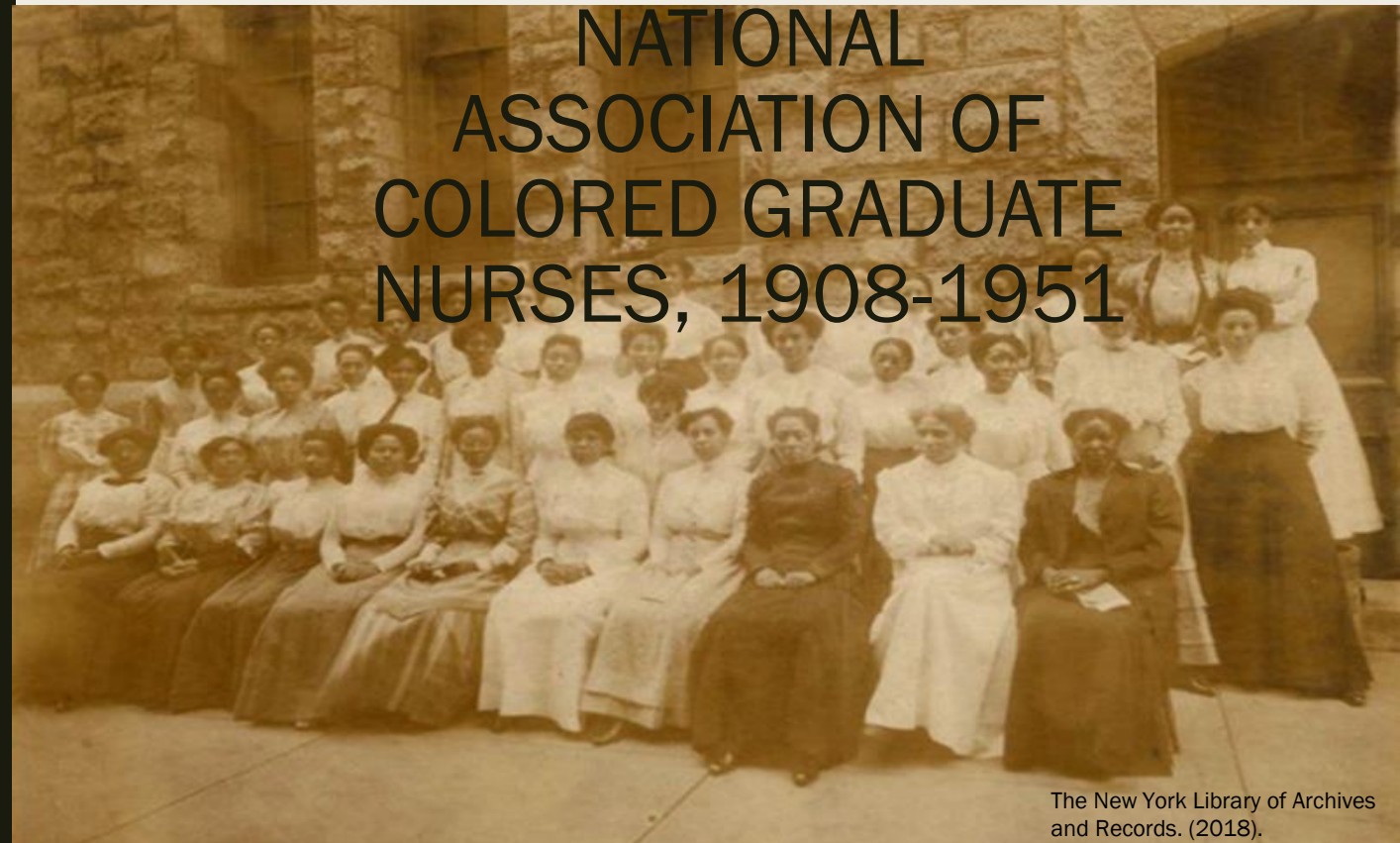


Martha Franklin,  
graduated from nursing  
school in Philadelphia,  
co-founder of National  
Association of Colored  
Graduate Nurses.



Mary Mahoney,  
first black nurse  
to graduate  
from Boston, co-  
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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED GRADUATE NURSES, 1908-1951

Mission: breakdown discrimination, raise nursing standards,  
and develop leadership roles

Board members included City of NY and ANA

- 1908-1958: founded in NYC and grew to 52 members
- 1909: the first nursing convention with 26 nurses in attendance
- Helped to assist with the Bolton Act allowed for more black nurses in armed forces
- 1949: NAGCN voted for ANA to take over the functions and the organization resolved in 1951

# COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES OF LOS ANGELES, 1968/1974

■ DR. BETTY SMITH WILLIAMS



Hanink, 2018

■ BARBARA JOHNSON



CBN-LA, 2019

Dr. Williams and Barbara Johnson established Council of Black  
Nurses of Los Angeles in 1968.

This organization became a chapter under NBNA in 1974

# BAY AREA BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION

FLORENCE A  
STROUD



SF Gate, 2007

Florence Stroud worked in public health as interim director of public health of San Francisco

DR. CARLEISSA  
HUSSEIN



University of Maryland, 2014

Dr. Carleissa Hussein worked in public health, health equity, professor at Berkeley



# NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, 1971



Sitting: Phyllis Jenkins, Lauranne Sams, Betty Smith Williams and Ethelrine Shaw.  
Standing: Gloria Rookard, Betty Jo Davidson, Mary Harper, Doris Wilson  
Mattiedna K. Johnson, Phyllis Davis, Mattie Watkins, and Florrie Jefferson.

## 1970s

The Council of Black Nurses of LA and the Bay Area Black Nurses Association, held a state conference for black nurses. The conference drew in nurses from everywhere, NY, and FL.

- Black nurse organizations attended the ANA conference and presented issues and a steering committee was developed.

## 1971

- In December in the home of Dr. Mary Harper, NBNA was born in Ohio.

Dr. Lauranne Sams was a professor at Tuskegee University

- Dr. Sams was the first black nurse to graduate from Indiana school of nursing and first black nurse to teach there.
- The founding members of NBNA (are pictured to the left) Phyllis Jenkins, Lauranne Sams, Betty Smith Williams, Ethelrine Shaw, Gloria Rookard, Betty Jo Davidson, Mary Harper, Doris Wilson, Mattienna K. Johnson, Phyllis Davis, Mattie Watkins and Florrie Jefferson.

## 1972

NBNA was broken down into four regions.

Chapters started to pop up around the nation.

## 2018

NBNA represents approximately 150,000 African American nurses from the USA, Canada, Eastern Caribbean and Africa, with 91 chartered chapters nationwide, 36 chapters in the US alone. NBNA collaborates with agencies/organizations that share common concerns for improving the health status of all people, particularly African Americans and other minority consumers





CCBNC was founded in December of 1982 by the late Dorothy Davis Cox Fisher, RN, MSN, FNP  
Organizational meeting were held at NCCU health science building drawing nurses from  
Orange, Durham and Pearson counties.

#### MISSION

Reaching beyond and pulling together

#### PROGRAMS

- Annual luncheons: held each year the first Saturday in December presentations are given based on current issues and practices affecting nurses currently
- Student Nurse Scholarships due in November in each year
- Monthly meetings
- Health Initiative
- Community Outreach
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Student Nurse Mentorship

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