

# Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario

Association des infirmières et infirmiers cliniciens  
spécialisés de l'Ontario

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- We currently represent over 300 CNSs in **Ontario**.
- Ontario has the **largest** number of CNSs in Canada.
- **BC** comes second, with just under 50 members.

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**About** CNS Association of Ontario



The **CNS-ON** is comprised of RAO members who are **committed** to Advanced Nursing Practice, specifically CNS practice.

**History:**

- The Clinical Nurse Specialist Interest Group (CNSIG) was formed in 1977.
- It became an official interest group of RAO on September 13, 1979.
- At the April 28, 2012 AGM, we **changed our name** to Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario (CNS Association of Ontario / CNS-ON ).

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**The CNS role defined**

RN with ...

- at least with a **Masters** degree **in nursing**;
- education based **in-depth** clinical knowledge and skills in a nursing specialty;
- advanced judgment;
- **clinical experience** and research skills;

An RN who provides solutions for **complex health care issues** at all levels. CNA, March 2003

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## Three spheres of influence:

Spheres of influence provide a framework for describing core CNS competencies.

- **Patient / client:**
  - e.g. develops interventions that enhance the attainment of predicted outcomes while minimizing unintended consequences.
- **Nurses and nursing practice:**
  - e.g. works collaboratively with nurses to implement innovative interventions that improve outcomes.
- **Organization / system:**
  - e.g. assesses the professional climate and multidisciplinary collaboration within and across units for their impact on nursing practice and outcomes.

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## Expert clinicians in a specialized area of practice

The specialty may be identified in terms of a:

- **Population:**
  - e.g. pediatrics, geriatrics, women's health.
- **Setting:**
  - e.g. critical care, emergency room.
- **Disease or medical subspecialty:**
  - e.g. diabetes, oncology.
- **Type of care:**
  - e.g. psychiatric, rehabilitation, palliative care.
- **Type of problem:**
  - e.g. pain, wounds.

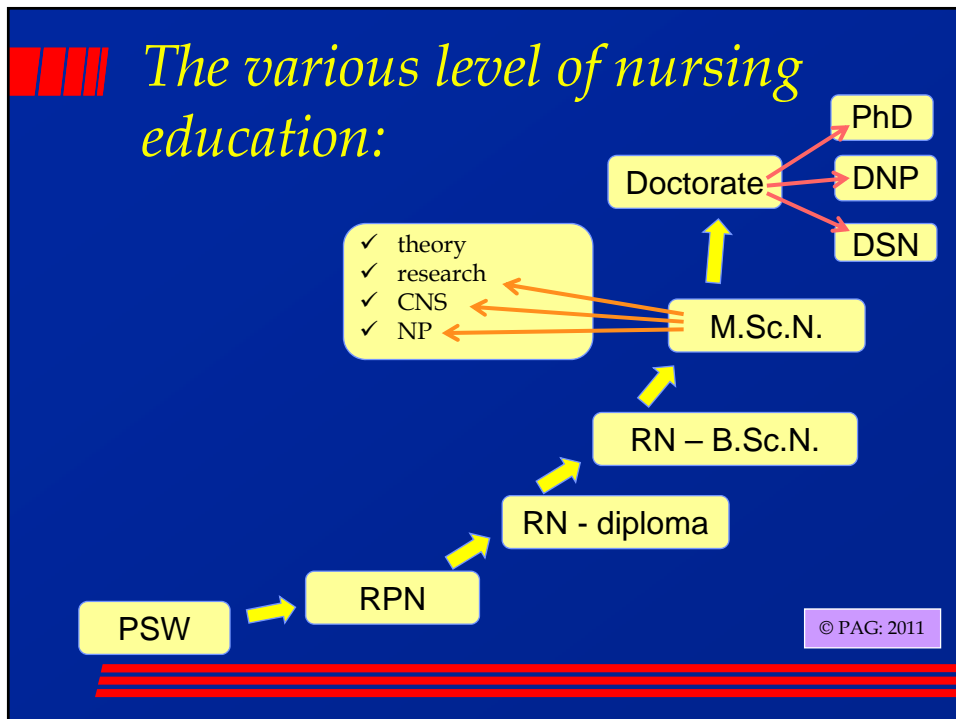
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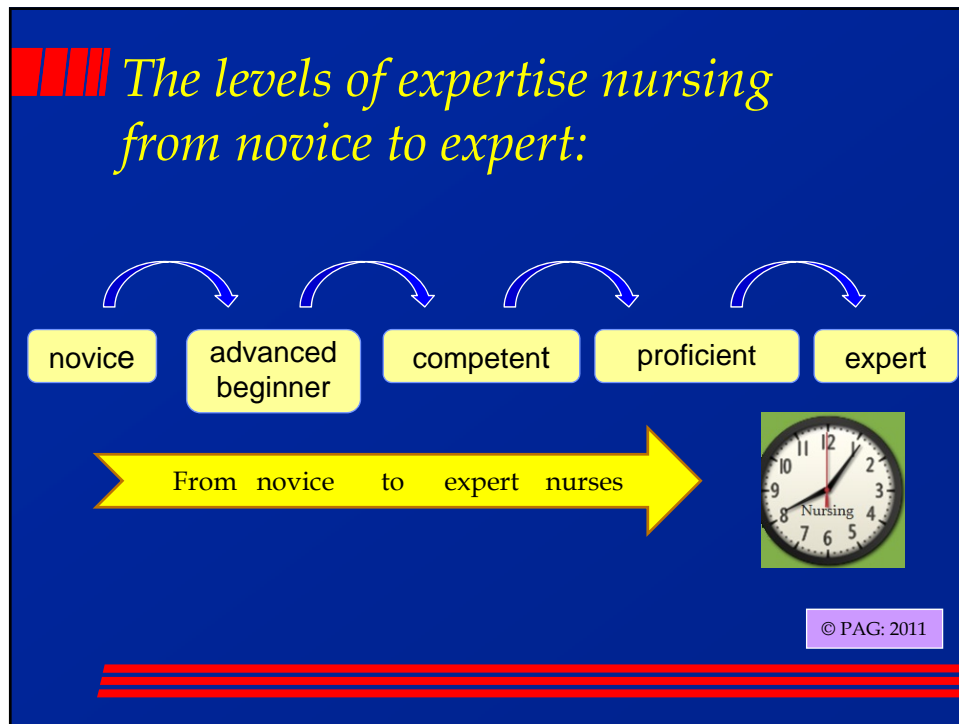


## Domains of advanced practice for CNS:

- Advanced Clinical Practice
- Consultation
- Education
- Research
- Leadership.

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## Information available

- **We publish our reports:**
  - Members' voices;
  - Newsletters;
  - Activity reports;
  - Awards;
  - Information relevant to members;
  - Such as conferences, webinars, etc.

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## Awards:




- **CNS of the Year:**
  - ✓ 1 / year
- **CNS Education Award:**
  - ✓ 2 / year
- **CNS Student Award:**
  - ✓ one per CNS program in Ontario.

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## NOTICE for the AGM:




# CNS Association of Ontario

## AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Saturday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, 2015 at 08:30

**Hilton Toronto**, downtown.


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- We have a **website**:  
<http://cns-ontario.rnao.ca/>
- RNAO site :
  - [http://rnao.ca/connect/interest-groups/cns\\_association\\_of\\_ontario](http://rnao.ca/connect/interest-groups/cns_association_of_ontario)
- We have a **facebook** account:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clinical-Nurse-Specialists-Association-of-Ontario-Canada/113210988761198?fref=ts>

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