

Student Honor Cord Program

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is excited to offer a Student Honor Cord Program to recognize the dedication and contributions of its student members. This honor is awarded to students who actively participate in ANNA through advocacy, public outreach, education, and service to nephrology nursing.

To earn the Student Honor Cord, ANNA student members must complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service. This service must be performed between the time of initial membership and up to six months before graduation. The cord can be proudly worn during the student's graduation ceremony to signify their commitment and achievements in the field.

Volunteer service includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Attendance at Chapter meetings
- 2. Attendance at Education events
- 3. Attendance at Advocacy events
- 4. Attendance at SPN meetings
- 5. Attendance at committee meetings
- 6. Attendance at state nursing association Day at the Capitol
- 7. Volunteering at chapter events, such as:
 - a. Health screenings
 - b. Immunization events
 - c. Health fairs
 - d. Career fairs
 - e. Producing fliers for chapter events
 - f. Any community service related to nephrology
 - g. Signing up five or more students as ANNA members
 - h. Attending local town halls with legislators
 - i. Participating in Nephrology Nurses Week activities

The ANNA Membership Committee, along with Chapter officers, will oversee the management of student volunteer applications and honor cord requests. To ensure timely processing, the honor cords must be requested at least 30 days before graduation ceremony. We encourage chapter leaders to present the honor cords at a special event for the students, highlighting the significance of this achievement and celebrating the students' contributions to ANNA and nephrology nursing.