



NACNS 2026 Annual Conference Agenda At-a-Glance

ALL TIMES IN US Pacific Time

Program schedule is subject to change.

CE details available in 2026.

*Exhibit Hall will **not** be open during sessions.*

Sunday, March 8, 2026

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Speaker Upload Station Open**

Monday, March 9, 2026

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Exhibitor Set Up & Move In**

9:30 AM – 6:00 PM **Registration Open**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Speaker Upload Station Open**

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM **General Session | Opening Ceremony**
NACNS President Rick Bassett, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, FCNS

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM **General Session | Opening Keynote**
Penelope Gorsuch, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, EBP (CH), FACHE

1:10 PM – 2:10 PM **CNO Panel**
Penelope Gorsuch, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, EBP (CH), FACHE, Gabriella Malagon-Maldonado, PhD, DNP, APRN, CNS, NEA-BC, and MaryAnn Moon

2:25 PM – 2:55 PM **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

2:55 PM – 3:30 PM **Networking Coffee Break**

3:30 PM – 5:10 PM **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Offsite Welcome Reception**
Wine & Culinary Events Venue

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Student Poster Session A | Set-Up**

7:15 AM – 5:30 PM **Registration Open**

7:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Speaker Upload Station Open
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Attendee Exhibitor Networking Breakfast
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	NACNS Business Meeting & Breakfast
8:40 AM – 9:10 AM	General Session Awards & Current President Remarks <i>NACNS President Rick Bassett, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, FCNS</i>
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	AI Workshop
10:50 AM – 11:20 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
11:25 AM – 12:05 PM	Student Poster Session A Presentations & Networking Break
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	Explore San Diego Lunch on Your Own
12:05 PM – 1:35 PM	Student Networking Lunch (Sponsored by ANCC & AACN) <i>*Students only - add within your registration!</i>
1:35 PM – 2:35 PM	Think Tank Research Focus Group #1 & #2 <i>Temecula 1 & 2</i>
1:35 PM – 3:15 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	Student Poster Session B Presentations & Networking Break
4:05 PM – 5:10 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	CNSI 10th ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION & CNSI FELLOW INDUCTION DINNER <i>*All NACNS Conference attendees and NACNS members are invited to register for the 10th Anniversary GALA Celebration & CNSI Fellow Induction Dinner. Tickets available in registration.</i>

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Professional Poster Session C Set-Up
7:30 AM – 5:10 PM	Registration Open
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Speaker Upload Station Open
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM	Attendee Exhibitor Networking Breakfast
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	DEI Forum & Breakfast
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	CNSI Town Hall & Breakfast
9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Professional Poster Session C Presentations & Networking Break
10:00 AM – 11:05 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	General Session Awards and Incoming President Remarks <i>NACNS President-Elect Jackeline Iseler, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE</i>
12:10 PM – 1:40 PM	CNS Elevate Round Table Discussion Bring Your Own Lunch
12:10 PM – 1:40 PM	Explore San Diego Lunch on Your Own

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Professional Poster Session D Set-Up
1:40 PM – 3:20 PM	Concurrent Breakouts
3:25 PM – 4:10 PM	Professional Poster Session D Presentations & Networking Break
4:10 PM – 7:30 PM	Exhibitor & Posters Final Breakdown & Move Out
4:15 PM – 5:20 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Offsite Activities <i>More details to come soon!</i>

Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration Open
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Affiliate Breakfast
9:10 AM – 10:15 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
9:10 AM – 10:15 AM	Center for Implementation Science Session Empowering Practice Through Implementation Science: Clarity, Myths, and Impact <i>Dr. Molly McNett, Associate Dean at The Ohio State University</i>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:35 AM – 11:40 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	General Session Closing Keynote <i>Marian Altman, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN</i>
1:00 PM – 1:20 PM	General Session Closing Ceremony & Poster Awards <i>NACNS President-Elect Jackeline Iseler, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE</i>

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