

2022 AANN ANNUAL REPORT

Presented jointly by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses with the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation



CELEBRATING THE VALUE AND IMPACT OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES



The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) present the 2022 AANN Annual Report. As a tri-board, AANN, ABNN, and AMWF work collaboratively to advance the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN is the membership organization you can turn to for education and professional development; ABNN oversees the CNRN and SCR N certification programs; and AMWF is our foundation that supports neuroscience education by offering certification, research, and travel grants. Together, we are the three pillars driving neuroscience nursing excellence.

This report highlights our accomplishments from March 2022 through March 2023 and looks at our goals for the duration of 2023. A major accomplishment of the tri-board last year was updating the [Position Statement on the Value of Certification in Neuroscience Nursing](#). It is the position of AANN and ABNN that

- certification advances nursing practice through the demonstration of specialized knowledge in the respective neuroscience areas
- the rigorous national certification examinations validate clinical and professional knowledge and judgment in a well-defined specialty practice area
- certification provides benefits to the certified nurse, their employer, the public, and patients.

The tri-board also continues its collaboration on the mentorship program, with the goal of providing neuroscience professionals the opportunity for mentoring in clinical, research, and clinician

educator pathways as well as advice on career development. AANN and ABNN continue their collaboration with the [Certificate Program for the Seizure and Epilepsy Healthcare Professional](#). This is an assessment-based certificate program with an online self-study educational course followed by a post-assessment. There is a 6-module program and an 8-module program specific to nurses working at accredited National Association of Epilepsy Centers. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

Over the past year, AANN kept our [mission](#) and [strategic plan](#) in mind and focused on the key areas of membership and engagement, education, and advocacy. We celebrated the 55th anniversary of AANN in 2023, and the Annual Conference theme was *Celebrating the Value and Impact of Neuroscience Nurses*, which acted as a driving force for our work. AANN hosted the Advances in Stroke Care Conference as a hybrid event online and in Indianapolis, IN. The virtual International Neuroscience Nursing Research Symposium (INNRS) had participants from nine countries. And in January 2023, AANN hosted the Neuroscience Advanced Practice Provider (Neuro-APP) Educational Conference in Long Beach, CA.

AANN met the call for more education by offering CNRN and SCR N review webinars before each exam window. AANN created a new page on the website for [Neuroscience Resources](#), which includes our Neuro 101 Toolkit, neuro specialty quick guides, research priorities, and [Neurological Assessment white paper](#) and [toolkit](#). The toolkit can be used to educate and empower others about the importance of neurological assessments as a tool to implement interventions and prevent injury. The toolkit includes social media messages and graphics, a sample email, newsletter content, and a press release.

CELEBRATING THE VALUE AND IMPACT OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES



The 7th edition of the [Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing](#) was published in July 2022. Updated content includes a synthesis of the latest research to guide all aspects of neuroscience nursing practice.

The CPG Editorial Board completed an [evidence-based clinical review for clinical practice on intracranial pressure monitoring](#). They are working on updating the adult brain tumor, thoracolumbar spine surgery, and aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage guidelines this year.

Last year, both the CNRN and SCRNs self-assessment exams were updated. The updated CNRN version reflects the new content outline. Key features of the self-assessments include the ability to create your own custom exam based on the exam topic you want to cover, the option to select your confidence level on each question, and instant grading.

We were proud to offer a new [membership](#) category for New to Neuro nurses. The New to Neuro membership is available to those who graduated from nursing school in the last 3 years, are new to nursing, or are new to working on a neuro unit. This discounted membership is only \$85 and is available for 1 year. After 1 year, New to Neuro members can renew at the active membership rate.

This past year ABNN had the opportunity to collaborate with the National Certification Corporation on a [“Certified Nurses Make a Difference”](#) public service announcement to inform the public about how certified specialty nurses are experts in specialty care and the important role they play within the healthcare system.

ABNN heard your feedback about the need for more options for sitting for the exam and now offers [live remote proctoring](#). This is a

safe, secure, and convenient way to schedule and sit for your CNRN or SCRNs exam from your home or other secure location using your own computer rather than going to a testing center.

We also are now offering more options for recertification. Inactive status recognizes certificants who temporarily do not meet eligibility requirements for recertification but do not want to forfeit their credential. Alumnus status is for certificants who no longer meet eligibility for active certification but are still in the nursing profession and wish to remain connected with their credential. ABNN continues to offer a retired status to recognize certificants who have retired from their professional nursing career but wish to maintain their credential.

ABNN's [certification toolkit](#) and [hospital registration program](#) continue to be valuable resources for certificants. The toolkit includes education about the benefits of certification and sample letters to leadership to help make the case for certification. The hospital registration program allows nurses to test with no out-of-pocket fee. There is no minimum number of nurses required to test per year and no cost for employers to join. This year we all have something to celebrate as we commemorate the 45th anniversary of the CNRN credential and the 10th anniversary of the SCRNs credential.

We launched the [Celebration Toolkit](#) for nurses to celebrate earning their certification or completing the certificate program. The toolkit includes information about ABNN, the certifications and certificate program, congratulatory cards, social media images and sample messages, a sample letter to share the accomplishment with hospital leadership, a printable poster, and more.

CELEBRATING THE VALUE AND IMPACT OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES



AMWF supported neuroscience nurses by providing [grants](#) for research, leadership, and educational pursuits. The certification, recertification, membership, and new chapter grants are accepted on a rolling basis. AMWF also offers grants to assist with the registration fee and/or travel expenses to AANN conferences like the Neuro-APP Symposium, Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference, Advances in Stroke Care Conference, and virtual INNRS. Finally, the AMWF Research Grant is awarded to a neuroscience nurse to provide financial assistance to neuroscience nursing research projects that address the clinical practice, educational, certification, or administrative dimensions of neuroscience nursing. The new grant portal that was launched in early 2023 makes it easier than ever to apply for a grant. The Foundation thanks everyone who donated this past year.

In 2023 we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the foundation. We invite you to celebrate this milestone with us by [donating](#) 10 dollars for 10 years. We are proud to have awarded over \$170,000 in grants for neuroscience professionals over the last 10 years thanks to your generosity.

We thank you for your continued support and invite you to get involved!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia Lane'.

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VISION

AANN IS INDISPENSABLE TO NURSES AND NEUROSCIENCE HEALTH CARE.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

AANN represents a diverse population of nurses pursuing excellence in neuroscience practice. Our organization is strengthened by our support of members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, or life experiences. It is through inclusion that we foster and respect the diverse ideas, opinions, and thoughts that ensure that AANN will continue to excel, innovate, and encourage learning and leadership. Embracing and celebrating our differences through diversity and inclusion ensures an environment of respect and engagement that will contribute to the growth and viability of the AANN organization.

AANN'S 2019-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

FOCUSES ON THREE MAIN GOAL AREAS:



MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

Nurture an inclusive, engaged community. Involve others in decisions affecting them.



EDUCATION

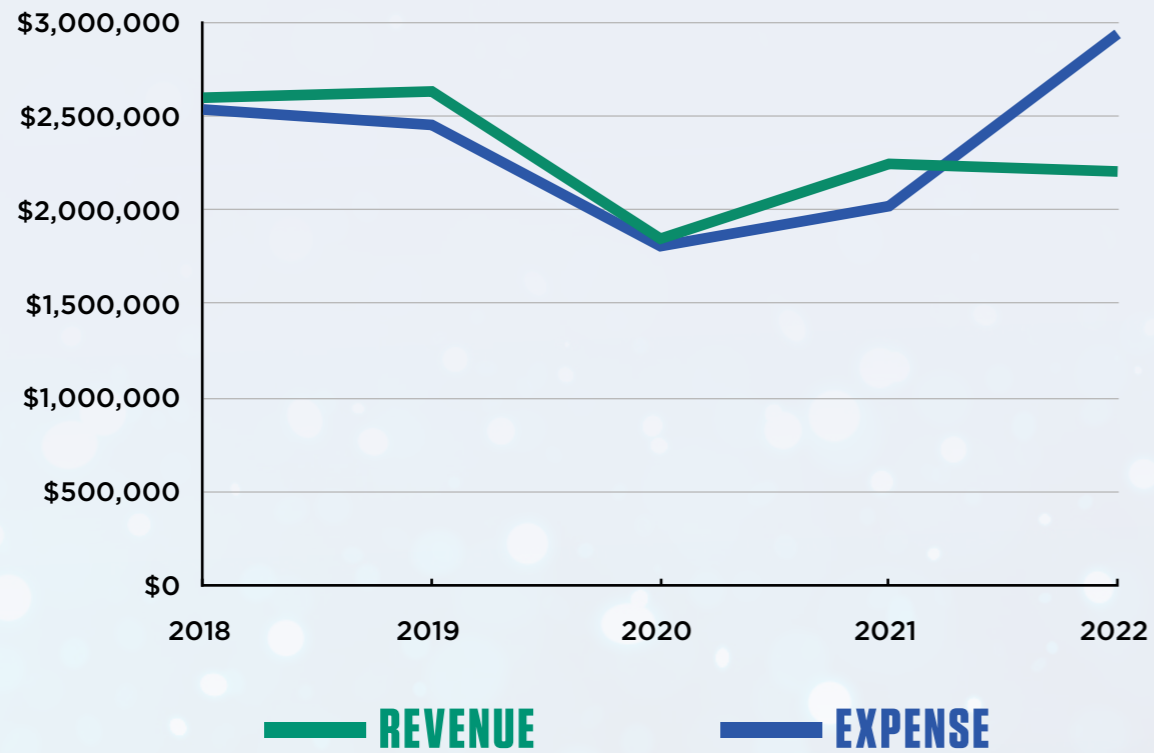
Provide dynamic, relevant educational experiences.



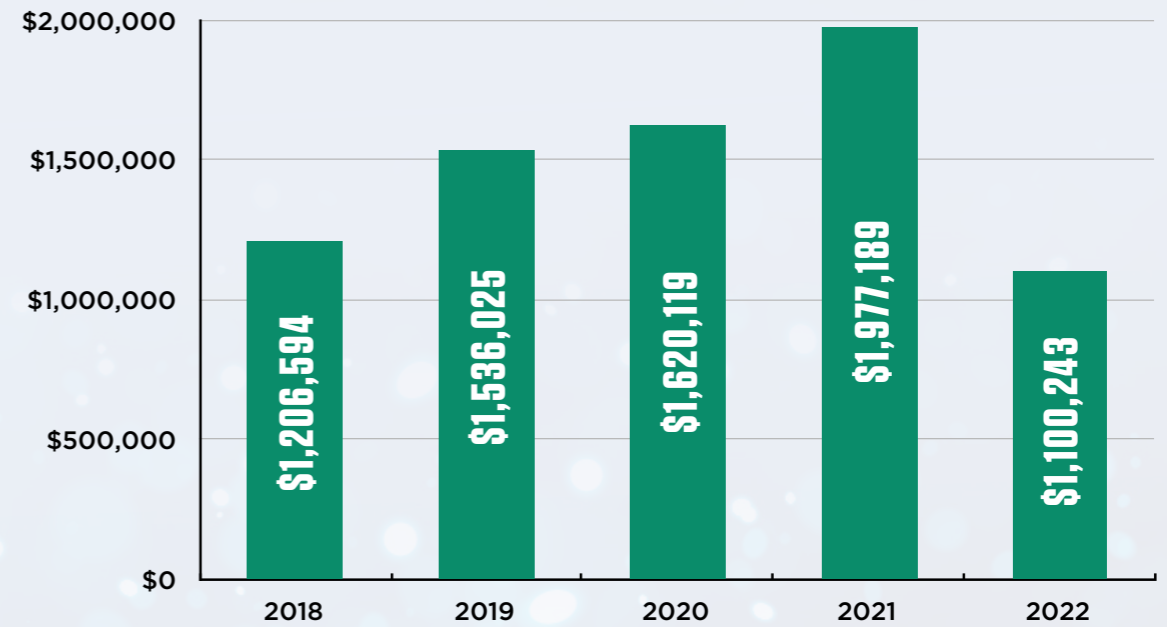
ADVOCACY

Represent and advocate for neuroscience health.

AANN'S 2022 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

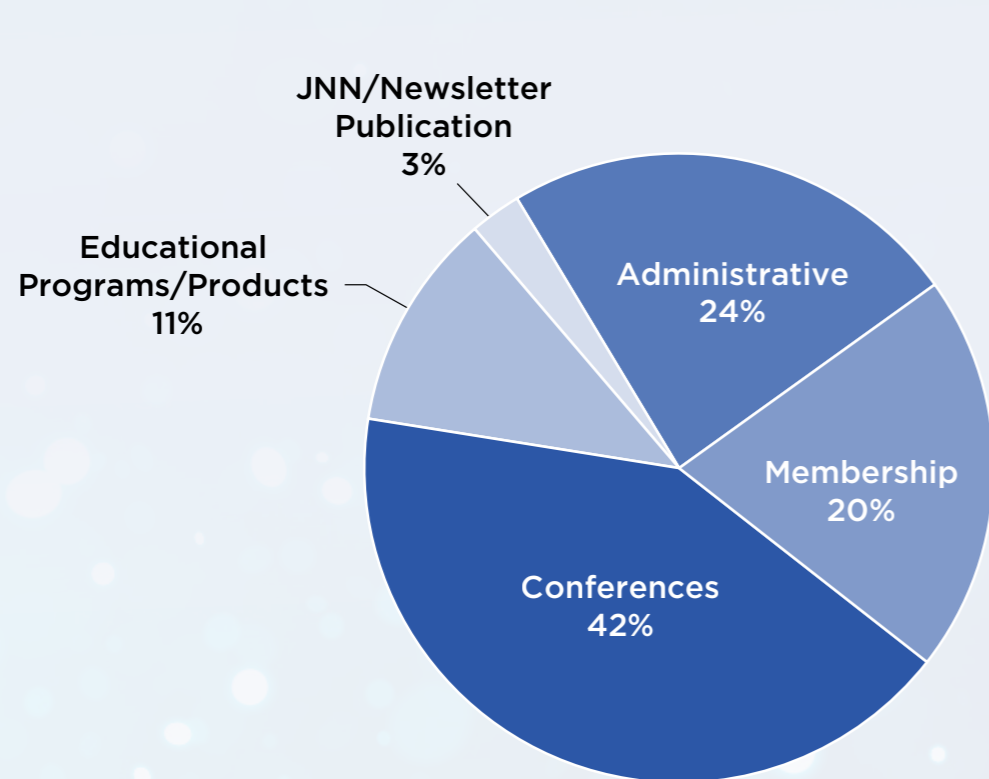


2022 OPERATING TRENDS

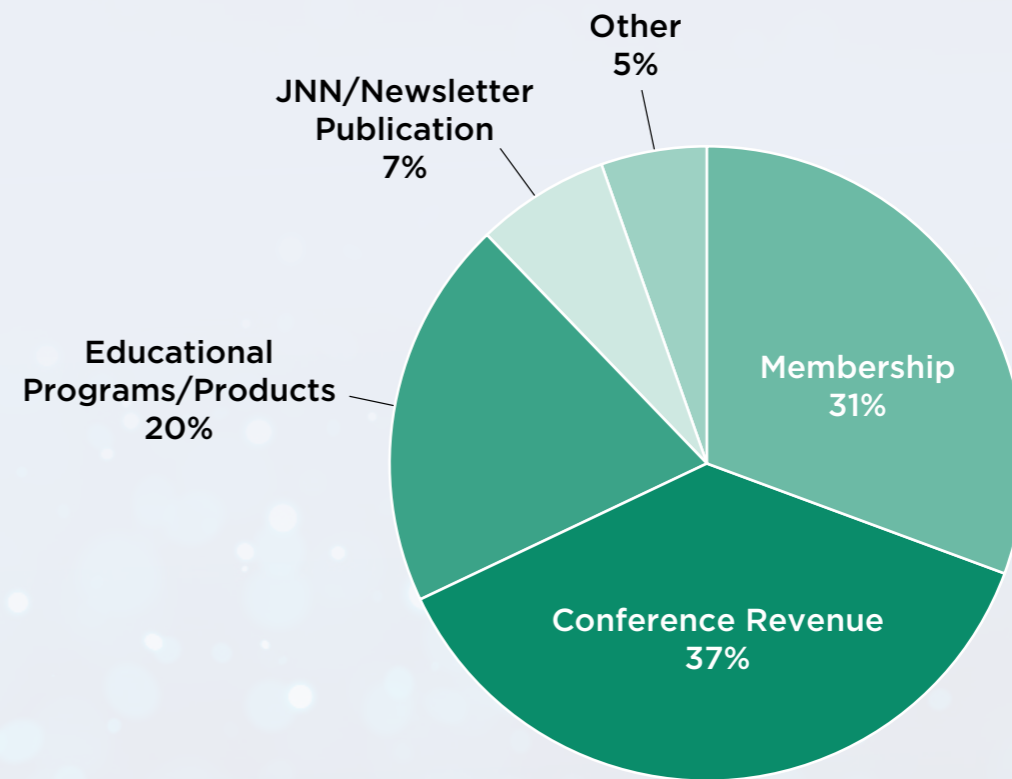


2022 NET ASSETS

AANN'S 2022 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY



2022 OPERATING EXPENSES



2022 OPERATING REVENUE



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**TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE PRACTICE OF
NEUROSCIENCE NURSING THROUGH SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION.**

VISION

**EVERY PERSON WITH
NEUROLOGICAL HEALTH NEEDS WILL RECEIVE
CARE FROM ABNN-CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSES.**

ABNN'S STRATEGIC PLAN

FOCUSES ON THREE MAIN GOAL AREAS:



Provide certification services.



Identify and promote the value of ABNN certification and certificate programs.



Promote a strategic and sustainable organizational structure.

2022 CNRN DATA

357
applicants

524
Recertified
CNRNs

60%
recertification
rate

3,990
total
certificants

165
new CNRNs

CNRN
Certified Neuroscience
Registered Nurse

5
Alumnus
CNRNs



2022 SCRIN DATA

1,104
applicants

353
recertified
SCRNs

48%
recertification
rate

6,627
total
certificants

740
new SCRNs

SCRIN
Stroke Certified
Registered Nurse

5
Alumnus
SCRNs



2022 SEIZURE AND EPILEPSY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DATA

71

6-module
program
completions

319

8-module
program
completions



HOSPITAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

ABNN's [Hospital Registration Program](#) is an employer program designed to help nurses earn certification for the neuroscience and stroke specialties. There are 51 hospitals currently participating in the Hospital Registration Program.

- There is no minimum number of nurses required to test per year.
- There is no cost for employers to join.
- Nurses can test with no out-of-pocket fee.
- Enrolled employers pay monthly exam invoices after the nurse takes the exam. The employer receives a \$100 discount for nurses who are unsuccessful in passing the examination.
- Nurses and employers receive free, ongoing program guidance to help promote the certifications.
- Enrolled employers also can receive group discounts on AANN's online Review Courses.



**Hospital Administrators—
Support CNRN and SCRN
Certification for Nurses**





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**SUPPORTING NEUROSCIENCE NURSING THROUGH
EDUCATION, RESEARCH, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CERTIFICATION TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CARE.**

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ABNN Certificant of the Year Award winner Linda Sugrue and ABNN Past-President Sarah Beam

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