



## Making Networking Work for You

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As a nurse, networking can be a powerful tool for professional growth. Historically known in the business sector, networking can be a career enhancer and a way to discover new opportunities while meeting role models and future mentors.

This Nursing that Works series is dedicated to helping you learn more about the influential world of networking: it will show you how to best utilize the benefits of networking for your career growth.

The three components of this series are as follows:

### Networking Fundamentals for Nurses

This article will help you learn more about the advantages for networking as a professional nurse, regardless of where you are in your career journey.

### Networking Through Nursing Organizations

While professional organizations have long been used to promote missions vital to the enhancement of nursing, this article discusses the benefits of joining organizations as a means to network for career enhancement. A guide for networking at professional meetings and conventions is also included.

### Networking for Nursing Introverts

How do you network if you are a naturally shy or introverted person? Most experts agree that 25% of the world's population is naturally introverted; this part of the networking series will give you strategies to overcome the challenges of being an introvert in an extroverted world.

Regardless of the stage in your career, we hope that you will benefit from this series as well as the other products and services offered at the Center for American Nurses. For more information, please contact the Center at [www.centerforamericannurses.org](http://www.centerforamericannurses.org).

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