

Celebrating Leadership, Community, and a Transformative Partnership Between NPHub and the South Carolina Nurses Association

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Atlanta, GA — NPHub, the nation's leading platform for nurse practitioner (NP) clinical placements, is proud to announce a new partnership with the [South Carolina Nurses Association \(SCNA\)](#) to expand clinical training opportunities and professional support for nurse practitioners across the state. At the heart of this effort is the inspiring leadership of **Dr. Nakita Barnes, SCNA President-Elect**, whose vision and dedication to advancing NP practice continues to set the standard for excellence.

She dedicates herself to Nurse Practitioner advocacy—and our entire ecosystem is stronger because of it.

When we connected with Dr. Barnes, it was clear we were meeting a nurse leader whose voice and actions resonate deeply with the needs of today's healthcare workforce. Her leadership reflects not only the future of nursing but also the urgency of addressing barriers to practice, supporting NP students, and advancing equity in healthcare.

3 Key Takeaways from Our Conversation with Dr. Barnes

1. Leadership Anchored in Advocacy

Dr. Barnes has long been a champion of NP practice rights and workforce expansion in South Carolina. Her leadership in SCNA is about more than titles—it's about ensuring nurse practitioners have a strong seat at the table in policy, practice, and education.

2. A Champion for the Next Generation

As President-Elect, she has centered her platform on supporting NP students and

early-career clinicians. Her focus is on mentorship, professional growth, and creating opportunities for NPs to thrive in every setting—whether bedside, community, or policy.

3. Community First, Always

Dr. Barnes embodies the belief that nursing leadership is rooted in service. Her commitment to amplifying the voices of nurses, especially those in underserved and underrepresented communities, ensures the pipeline of future NPs is both diverse and resilient.

The Power of Partnership: NPHub x SCNA

This collaboration is designed to **remove clinical placement barriers, support professional development, and uplift the NP workforce in South Carolina**. Together, NPHub and SCNA will create new opportunities for NP students and practicing NPs to lead with confidence.

"We're incredibly honored to partner with the South Carolina Nurses Association," said **Joseph de Veyra, CNO of NPHub**. "SCNA has been a vital voice for nurses for nearly 120 years. By supporting NP students in securing high-quality clinical experiences and uplifting practicing NPs, we are strengthening the entire nursing ecosystem in South Carolina."

NPHub will support SCNA members by:

- Streamlining the clinical placement process for NP students
- Connecting students with experienced

preceptors who are committed to teaching

- Supporting on-time graduation and workforce readiness
- Providing professional visibility and networking opportunities

Together, NPHub and SCNA are building a model of clinical education and professional advancement that is **accessible, equitable, and transformative**.

About NPHub

Founded in 2017, NPHub has placed over 8,000 NP students into clinical rotations across the United States. With a robust network of vetted preceptors and a mission to make placements easier, faster, and more reliable, NPHub is the go-to platform for NP programs and students alike. Learn more at [nphub.com](#)

About the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA)

Founded in 1907, the South Carolina Nurses Association represents and advocates for nurses across the state. SCNA is dedicated to advancing the profession through advocacy, education, and support for nurses at every stage of their careers—including nurse practitioners who are shaping the future of healthcare. Learn more at [scnurses.org](#) ■