

Your Feedback Wanted on CNS Core Competencies

The public comment period on the 2017 revised CNS Core Competencies is now open.

The 2017 revised CNS Core Competencies were developed by a panel of clinical nurse specialists representing experts in education, practice and research. The members of the NACNS Task Force for the Revision of the NACNS Statement on Education and Practice are:

- **Chair: Carol Manchester, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, BC-ADM, CDE;**
- Sherri L. Atherton, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CIC;
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- Jane Walker, PhD, RN.

Though the number of overall competencies is reduced (from more than 70 to 44 in this draft), the revision considers the 2004 and 2010 CNS Core Competencies and draws from additional resources to cover more content in accord with the evolution of health care. The task force erred on the side of generality in composing a competency because the goal of the competencies is to encompass all of CNS practice.

The final 2017 CNS Core Competences will be published as Section Two of the revised *NACNS Statement on Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice and Education*, third edition (*CNS Statement*). The third edition of the *CNS Statement* will provide additional guidance on the role of the CNS and the use of the core competencies in education and practice.

Before commenting please review:

- [The 2017 revised CNS Core Competencies;](#)
- [2010 CNS Core Competencies;](#)

- 2004 CNS Core Competencies; and
- Letter from Carol Manchester, Chair of the NACNS Task Force for the Revision of the NACNS Statement on Education and Practice.

Submit your comments

Please note: there are 60 questions in the survey, please set aside adequate time to complete it.

Public Comments on the *CNS Statement* will be collected by section. **The public comment period for this section will close January 8, 2018.** NACNS plans to publish the *CNS Statement*, including the final 2017 CNS Core Competencies by the fall of 2018.