

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **Cord Point's Framework**

#### **Purpose:**

Cord points are a way to get students involved with their community and CNSA. Nursing is a profession that serves community members and our goal is to help others and make a difference. Students will be awarded a cord to be worn at graduation, after gaining 25 points. The cord is a symbol that will exemplify the dedication and hard work you committed to during your time in nursing school.

#### **Requirements:**

- **Membership**
  - Membership is required to receive a cord. Membership is needed for the majority of time spent in nursing school (4 out of 5 semesters)
- **Points needed for 5 semesters: 25 total (about five per semester)**

#### **Earning points:**

- **Points can be earned by attending CNSA meetings, participating in events organized/sponsored by CNSA (ex: MHU, Bootcamp, volunteer opportunities).**
  - 1 point per CNSA meeting/committee meeting attended
  - 1 point per baccalaureate meeting attended
  - 1 point for mentorship program (only for one semester)
  - 1 point for volunteering as team lead at event
  - 1 point for volunteering at a CNSA associated event (2 points if past 4 hours)
  - 1 point for attending educational CNSA events approved by the President and Vice President
  - 2 points for participating as class representative every semester
  - 2 points will be awarded per Bootcamp Day for volunteers.
  - 5 points will be awarded for participating in a Winter Formal committee for its complete duration (no partial points will be awarded).
  - All BOD members that serve for 1 year will automatically get a cord
  - After a student has reached the 25 points, they will be capped and (and further points will be of no value)

#### **Events:**

- **Members must sign in with team leader during event to receive points**
- **Team leader will send picture of sign-in sheet to secretary**
- **If a member has an issue with earning their points, they can email secretary**

Tracking points:

- Secretary with help of membership director will track points/memberships
- Spreadsheet will be available to members for viewing (if there are discrepancies, members can email secretary)
- Community service hours that need to be completed for nursing 151 (5th semester) cannot be accounted for cord points.
- 5th semester students must show proof of their completion of their required 45 volunteer hours before being eligible to gain cord points.
- Please honor and respect that the secretary has “final say” of who and what is awarded a cord point.