

NCSBN Historical Timeline: 1978 1985: Establishing the Mission-driven Organization Video Transcript

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Before the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, there was an idea, a mission championed by a task force of dedicated individuals. A mission to focus on the regulation and licensing of nurses to ensure safe and competent nursing care. A mission to protect the public. In its earliest days, this mission was sustained by the time and donations of a community of nurses dedicated to the organization, and the launch of a new autonomous body committed to public protection and patient safety.

On June 6th, 1978, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing or NCSBN was founded. The first NCSBN delegate assembly was called to order, and the organization was off and running. Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and standing rules were adopted, and the officers of the first board of directors were elected.

Ready or not, NCSBN began defining and fulfilling its mission.