

Candidate for Nominating Committee

Colleen Nixon, MSN RN CPHON®



Current Position

Clinical Educator
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston, MA

APHON Membership

APHON member since 1989

Local Chapter Membership

Boston Chapter member since 1990

Education

MSN, 2009, Salem State University, Salem, MA
BSN, 1983, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT

Qualifications

APHON National

- Global Outreach Committee: Member, 2019 – Present
- Local Chapter Committee: Member, 2011 – Present
- Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Program Committee: Member, 2014 – 2020
- Pediatric Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider Program: Instructor, 2005 – Present
- Annual Conference
 - Poster Abstract Reviewer, 2010 – Present
 - Poster Judge, 2010 – Present
 - Panel Expert: Career Development and Network, 2019
- Publications
 - *Foundations of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing: A Comprehensive Orientation & Review Course*, Module Author: 2018 – Present
 - “Oncologic Emergencies”
 - “Solid Tumors”
 - *APHON Counts*, Co-Author: 2012 – Present
 - “Top Reasons Why Education is Important for Local APHON Chapters,” 2019
 - “Safety, Nursing, Self-Care, and Advocacy,” 2017
 - “Competency Assessment: One Institution’s Shift in Practice,” 2017
 - “How APHON Chapters Can Address Healthcare Disparities in Pediatric Oncology,” 2017

- “Supporting Adolescents and Young Adults in Pediatric Centers and within Local APHON Chapters,” 2015
- “Local Chapters Focus on Survivorship,” 2014
- “Integrating Multicultural Nursing into Local and National APHON: Get Involved,” 2014
- “Relating Targeted Therapies to Local Chapter Growth,” 2013
- “Local Chapters Participate in Providing Safe Care: Integrating the Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy into Chapter Activities,” 2012
- *Preparing for the CPHON® Exam: eLearning Case Studies*, Module Author: “Solid Tumors,” 2020
- *The Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Curriculum*
 - 4th Ed.: 2019
 - Section Editor
 - Chapter Co-Author
 - “Administration of Chemotherapy and Biotherapy”
 - “Overview of Cancer”
 - 3rd Ed., Chapter Co-Author: “Administration Considerations,” 2011
- *Hematology/Oncology Medication Fact Sheets*, 4th Ed., Author: 2018
- *Essentials of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing: A Core Curriculum*, 4th Ed., 2015
 - Author: “Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria”
 - Section Editor
- APHON Patient and Family Handbooks, Author: *Germ Cell Tumors*, 2014

APHON Local Chapter

- Boston Chapter
 - President, 2010 – 2012
 - Volunteer Organizer
 - Thanksgiving food drive, 2012 – Present
 - Contact hour applications for CNE, 2010 – Present
 - Walk to raise Cure Search funding, 2012
 - CPHON review sessions, 2011 – 2012
 - Bone marrow/blood drive, 2011

Other Nursing Leadership

- Professional Organizations
 - Boston Children’s Hospital
 - Coordinator
 - BCH/Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives, “Care of the Hospitalized Child” course, 2020 – Present
 - Unit-focused competency modules, 2016 – Present
 - CPHON® review course, 2001 – Present

- Presenter
 - Surgical Programs Mentoring Program, “When an Error Happens Despite our Best Efforts,”
 - 2021
 - “Global Health Nursing: Building Partnerships Worldwide to Advance Pediatric Health,” 2017
- Hematology/Oncology Floor Falls Committee: Member, 2019 – Present
- Mentor, 2018 – Present
 - Coordinate and mentor speakers to present at unit-based nursing rounds
- Global Nursing Fellow, 2016 – Present
- MSN Nursing Student Preceptor, 2013 – Present
- Presentations
 - Japanese Society of Pediatric Oncology Nursing 15th Annual Conference, Speaker: “Personal and Professional Gains of Obtaining Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing Certification,” 2017

Current Volunteer Commitments

- Fundraiser: Neurofibromatosis Northeast Coast to the Cure, 2013 – 2020
- Fundraiser: National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike MS: Ride the Vineyard, 2016 – 2018
- Fundraiser: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 2021
- Fundraiser: American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb, 2015 – 2020

Candidate Statement

I am honored to be considered as a candidate for APHON Nominating Committee, 2021 – 2024 term. I became involved with APHON in 1991, early in my pediatric hematology/oncology nursing career, never realizing how important this organization would be in my career development. During my years as a Boston APHON member, I began to take on more chapter responsibility, ultimately becoming the 2010-2012- chapter president. It was not until Nancy Kline asked me to author a book chapter and Janice Nuuhiwa asked me to serve [on the] Local Chapter [committee], that I became involved in the national APHON organization. Being a member of a variety of committees and participating in numerous projects, I have had the opportunity to meet, collaborate [with], and learn from different people within the APHON community. The leadership role I am most proud of is being asked to be a section editor for two APHON publications Essentials of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing: A Core Curriculum, 4th Ed., (2014) and The Pediatric Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Curriculum, 4th Ed., (2019). This opportunity challenged me to develop and maintain timelines while supporting novice and experienced writers. I encouraged members who had never been involved in a project to get involved, just as I had been encouraged many years before.

I believe I am qualified for the APHON Nominating Committee because I have the skills to build relationships locally and internationally, encouraging and supporting members in the opportunities APHON has to offer each member. Thank you for this opportunity.