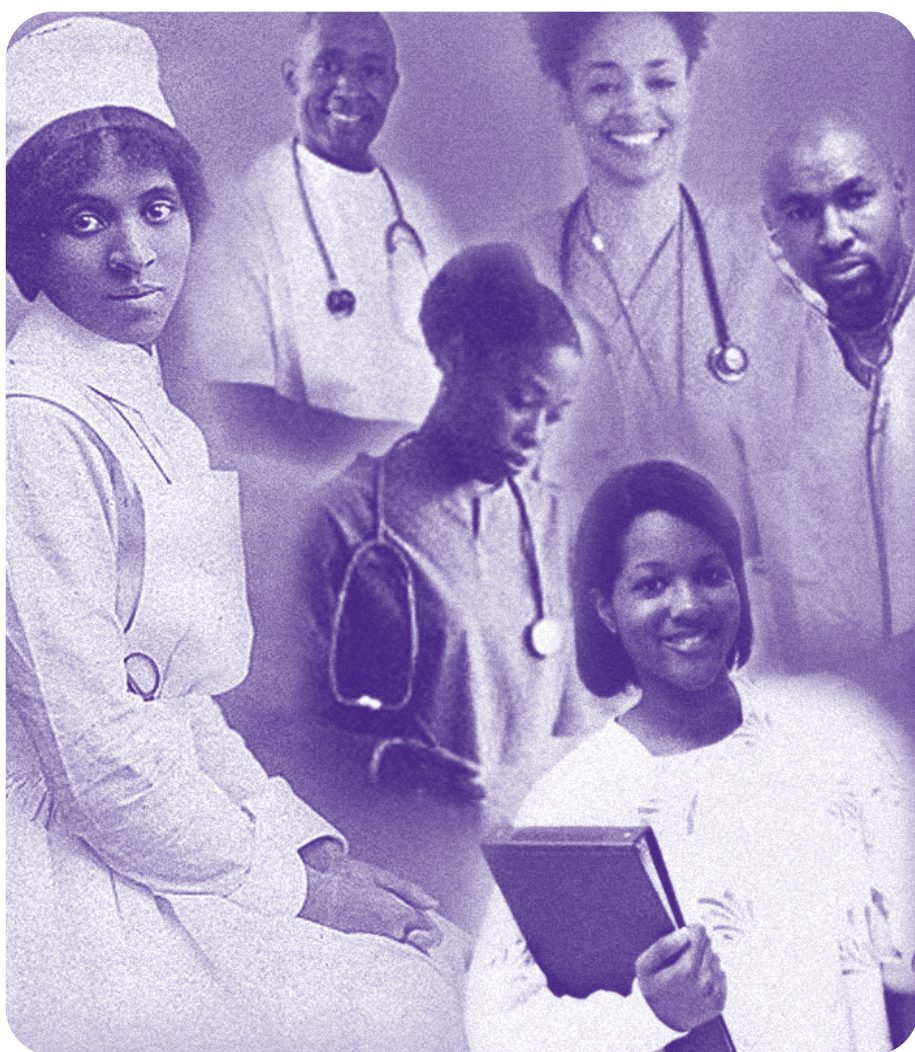


Black History Month, February 2009

VITAS Honors the...

National Black Nurses Association

Representing 150,000 nurses speaking in one collective, powerful voice



Since 1971

- NBNA has represented registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, nursing students and retired nurses from the US, Eastern Caribbean and Africa, with 77 chartered chapters in 34 states.

Today...

- Reaching beyond the community, every February the NBNA hosts National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill to discuss with legislators the nursing shortage, the nursing profession and healthcare disparities.
- Reaching within, the NBNA offers its members educational training—such as the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) curriculum sponsored by VITAS.



“Nurses are the foundation of the healthcare system. Nurses encounter patients from birth through death. The goal is to give our nurses all the tools, information and education they can use. The partnership with VITAS helps further that goal.”

—Debra A. Toney, PhD, RN, 10th President
National Black Nurses Association



“VITAS helps our nurses really understand end-of-life care: what patients need, what nurses need to provide, and what families need to help their loved ones transition to the next life.”

—Millicent Gorham, MBA, Executive Director
National Black Nurses Association

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