

Why should I join the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)?

As a benefit of membership, AACN members have access to....

<http://www.aacn.org/> a comprehensive critical care Internet web site including the members-only section. This online site offers the following features:

Through the "Specials and Discounts" button you can purchase AACN Resource Catalog specials and new products, monthly supersavers, and bulk discounts.

Through the "Continuing Education" button you can access PACEP a pulmonary artery catheter education project, or view what is available for online contact hour credit.

Through the "Practice Alerts" button you can view dynamic directives that are supported by authoritative evidence to ensure excellence in practice and a safe work environment.

Through the "Career Center/Jobs" button you can explore career opportunities through NURSEPath.com.

The members only section allows you access to the following:

GenRx, which is a compilation of the top 200 drugs, ranked by the number of prescriptions.

Medline through PubMed a service of the National Library of Medicine, including over 14 billion citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's.

CINAHL is a database of health literature articles from 1,831 journals.

Legislative action center serves as a conduit of information between critical care nurses and government officials at all levels.

Practice Resource Network (PRN) is designed to help you address practice issues and questions. Free online contact hours by reading selected articles.

AACN Members receive....

Free subscriptions to *Critical Care Nurse* and the *American Journal of Critical Care*. Both have contact education (CE) opportunities in every issue and as a member you receive a \$2.00 discount on each test that you submit.

A Free subscription to *AACN News*, the monthly member newsletter that features association news, clinical practice information, advanced practice information, public policy, plus the certification connection and the chapter connection.

Discounts on AACN education programs like the National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition (NTI). NTI is held every May. Over 6,000 nurses attend sessions featuring more than 250 topics, including an intensive 2-day pre-conference. NTI also includes an exhibits section, featuring hundreds of major service providers and manufacturers in the healthcare field.

Discounts on CCRN, CCNS and PCCN Certification and Renewal Fees. The AACN now offers a discount of 15% off the already discounted three-year membership rate if you become certified in your specialty area.

AACN Certification Corporation partners with the American Nurses Credentialing Center to offer a discount on certification and renewal of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) certification.

Networking opportunities with other nurses through the more than 250 local AACN chapters by accessing the AACN Chapter web site page.

AACN members who have made a difference in healthcare and their communities are chosen each year to receive AACN Circle of Excellence recognition awards, sponsored by AACN and our partners with industry corporations.

Who can join the AACN?

Active Membership

Any registered nurse that is interested in any aspect of critical care nursing and is in good standing with the licensing agency of his/her state or territory is eligible for active membership. Nurses employed in research, administration, teaching, the medical-surgical, telemetry or progressive care units, home health, or any healthcare agency are also eligible.

Affiliate Membership

Any LVN or LPN, non-nurse professional, or student in a traditional intensive care unit, progressive care unit, telemetry, cardiac, medical, or surgical unit, home health, or any healthcare agency is eligible. Also any healthcare consumer or member of the corporate or political community who is interested in working toward the advancement of a healthcare system driven by the needs of patients is eligible. Affiliate members may not vote, hold office or serve on committees at either the national or chapter level.

Student Membership

Any US citizen (or a non-citizen of the US who resides within the boundaries of the US) who is a student in an accredited, professional nursing program and is **currently not licensed as a registered nurse**, is eligible. AACN offers a special discounted membership rate for students, which are approximately 30% off the full membership rate. Student members receive all the same benefits as Active members, with the exception of not being allowed to vote, hold office or serve on a committee at either the national or chapter level.

Emeritus Membership

Any active member who has maintained active AACN membership for a period of five years or more and is over the age of 55 is eligible. All applications must be submitted with evidence of birth date.

International Membership

Non-US License. Available to professional nurses who have RN licensure in a country other than the United States. Your membership includes all AACN benefits; however, international members may not hold office or serve on committees at the national level.

Local Chapter

The Carolina Dogwood Chapter of the AACN is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina. To obtain the latest information on a presentation, please phone one of the contact members or visit the following web site: <<http://www.chartingandassessment.com/>>. On this web site, you will also find assessment cards you can download or print as you need them, a free CCRN review program, local CE educational programs, and free online CE programs.

National AACN bulk memberships discount is available for new or renewing members through Linda Thomas. Regular active membership is \$78 per year. Bulk discount is \$69 per year. You must be a national AACN member in order to join the local chapter. The annual fee of \$15.00 for the Carolina Dogwood Chapter is due each September.

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