

# Explore the Benefits of Membership With AACN—THE VOICE OF CRITICAL CARE

When it comes to membership in a professional organization, the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses realizes that one size does not fit all. We understand that your needs as a professional are unique, which is why we offer a variety of membership types as well as a wide range of products and services, giving you the flexibility to choose the tools that will benefit you most.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who are AACN members and where do they practice?

AACN members are nurses who practice virtually everywhere acutely and critically ill patients can be found—traditional intensive care units, progressive care units, cardiac and surgical units, home health, and primary care settings. In addition to being at the bedside, AACN members are on the forefront of research, academia, staff development, and management.

### What clinical resources are available to members?

We have clinical resources covering a wide range of topics including administrative and regulatory issues, advanced practice, career development, certification, ethics, end-of-life care, legal issues, healthcare policy, and research. Best of all, these resources are available in a variety of mediums to meet your needs—Internet based, CD-ROM, diskettes, books, journals, audio and videotapes, even portable references such as pocket cards and hand-held computerized reference tools.

In addition to published resources, AACN has also developed the Practice Resource Network (PRN), which is designed to assist members with their practice issues and questions by directing them to appropriate and relevant resources. This service is just one of the many benefits of membership and can easily be accessed through the AACN Web site, by e-mail or by phone.

### Do I have to be certified (CCRN, PCCN, CCNS, ACNPC, CMC, CSC, or CNML) to join AACN?

This is a common misconception. AACN membership is separate from certification. An individual has the option to be an AACN member or sit for the certification exams or do both. The choice is yours. However, as a member you receive discounts on your CCRN, PCCN, CCNS, ACNPC, CMC, CSC, or CNML certification and certification renewal fees.

### Can I join AACN in my community?

As part of national AACN membership, all members also have the opportunity to join a local chapter in their area. We currently have over 250 chapters worldwide, allowing abundant opportunities for involvement in local decision-making, networking, and enhancement of leadership skills.

## AACN—A Value Proposition

AACN is committed to continually reviewing our products, services and benefits to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our members and customers. Additional benefits of membership include:

- Unlimited free CE credits
- Access to the Members Only section of the AACN Web site, which includes clinical references and the enhanced CINAHL Plus literature search database
- Subscriptions to *Critical Care Nurse*, *American Journal of Critical Care* and *AACN Bold Voices*
- Discounted \$35 subscription to *AACN Advanced Critical Care*
- Subscription to AACN's e-newsletter, *Critical Care Newsline*
- Eligibility for a wide range of scholarships, grants and awards
- Special member rates for all AACN products and services including discounts to the National Teaching Institute™ and on the CCRN, PCCN, CCNS, ACNPC, CNMLCMC, CSC, and CNML certification exams
- Professional liability, group term life, major medical, excess major medical, dental, disability income and hospital income insurance programs as well as long-term care insurance are available through Marsh Affinity Group Services, a service of Seabury & Smith

## AACN Membership Categories

*(See the reverse side for dues)*

**Active**—Any U.S. licensed registered nurse who takes care of acutely and critically ill patients and is in good standing with the licensing agency of his/her state is eligible. Nurses employed in research, administration, teaching, medical-surgery or telemetry units, home health care or any healthcare agency are also eligible.

**AACN Certification (3-Year)**—Any CCRN, PCCN, CCNS, ACNPC, CMC, CSC, or CNML - certified nurse is eligible and receives all AACN membership benefits. This 3-year membership is offered at a special discount to certificants and may be renewed as long as certification remains current. Individuals registering for a certification exam are also eligible for this membership at the time of their registration.

**Emeritus**—Any member who has maintained active AACN membership for a period of five years or more and is over the age of 55 is eligible.

**Retired/Disabled\***—Any member who has ceased active practice in nursing by reason of permanent retirement or permanent disability.

**International\* (non U.S. license)**—Available to any professional nurse licensed as an RN in a country other than the United States.

**Student\***—Any U.S. citizen (or non-citizen who resides within the U.S.) who is a student in an accredited, professional nursing program and is currently not licensed as a registered nurse is eligible.

**Affiliate\***—Any healthcare professional who is not a registered nurse, such as an LVN or LPN. Any healthcare consumer or member of the corporate or political community interested in working toward the advancement of healthcare is also eligible.

*\*Affiliate, student and retired/disabled members receive all AACN benefits but may not vote or hold office at the national level. International members receive all benefits and are entitled to vote, but may not hold office at the national level.*

Visit the American Association  
of Critical-Care Nurses online at  
[www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org) or call (800) 899-2226.  
For more information about certification,  
visit [www.certcorp.org](http://www.certcorp.org)

# AACN Application for Membership

## Demographic Information

New Member      Renewing Member: AACN Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Mailing Address:  Home  Work

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials \_\_\_\_\_ RN License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Types and Dues\*

See reverse for details on member benefits and restrictions

	One-Year	Two-Year <small>(5% off 1-year rate)</small>	Three-Year <small>(10% off 1-year rate)</small>
<b>Active Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$78.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$148.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$211.00
<small>(Active U.S. RN License)</small>			
<b>Affiliate Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$78.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$148.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$211.00
<small>(Non-RN Healthcare Professional)</small>			
<b>International Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$104.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$196.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$280.00
<small>(Active Non-U.S. RN License)</small>			
<b>Student Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$52.00	-	-
<small>(Non-RN Licensed Student)</small>			
<b>Emeritus Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$52.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$99.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$141.00
<small>(Aged 55+ and an active AACN member for 5 years)</small>			
<b>Retired/Disabled Membership</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$52.00	-	-
<small>(Ceased active practice due to permanent retirement or disability)</small>			
<b>AACN Certification Membership</b> .....			<input type="checkbox"/> \$179.35
<small>(Any active CCRN, CCNS, PCCN, CMC, CSC, ACNPC, or CNML certified nurse)</small>			<small>(25% off 1-year rate)</small>

Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual membership dues include a non-refundable payment for a one-year subscription to *Critical Care Nurse*® (\$12.00) and *American Journal of Critical Care*® (\$15.00).

## Payment Information

Enclosed is my check for the full amount, made payable to AACN (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank)

Please bill my credit card for the full amount (fill out information below)

Name (as it appears on the card) \_\_\_\_\_

Visa      MasterCard      American Express      Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by (Name):  Chapter Name  
 Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Specify one for Member-Get-A-Member referral incentives**

Chapter/Individual Member No \_\_\_\_\_

### Join AACN Today!

Mail or fax this completed form to:

AACN  
 101 Columbia  
 Aliso Viejo, CA  
 92656-1491  
 Fax (949) 362-2020

or call:

(800) 899-2226 (in the U.S.)  
 (949) 362-2000 ext 7100

Join online at:

[www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org)

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