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Application

Name _____

AACN Customer # (if applicable) _____

Preferred Email Address* _____

Home Address _____

Primary Hospital or Facility _____

Primary Hospital or Facility Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

*Ambassador correspondences are primarily electronic. To ensure you receive all communications from the National Office email address is required.

I have read and signed the Charge for the AACN Ambassador Role and Role Accountabilities.

**Please fax your application and signed Ambassador Charge to:
949/448-5501 or mail to:**

**American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
101 Columbia Φ Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
Attention: AACN Ambassador Program**

For more information visit our website at ambassadors@aacn.org or call 800/394-5995 ext 338 or 415



Charge for the AACN Ambassador Role

Ambassadors serve a fundamental role in advancing the mission of AACN by advocating for professional practice and promoting excellence in acute and critical care nursing. They accomplish this by communicating the value of AACN and championing:

- Membership in the professional AACN community.
- Specialty certification for acute and critical care nurses.
- Evidence-based practice standards and protocols.
- Recognition of excellence through the Beacon unit excellence program.
- Engagement in educational opportunities including NTI, e-learning, and the free CE center.
- Local AACN chapter involvement.

Role Accountabilities of AACN Ambassadors

When you become an ambassador, you enter into a dynamic partnership with the national component of our AACN community that will grow over time based on learning on both sides. You agree to fulfill your role obligations to the best of your ability and in keeping with the mission and values of the Association. Likewise the national staff agrees to uphold its obligations to support the ambassadors in optimally fulfilling their role obligations and to enhance its support over time.

AACN Ambassador Accountabilities

- Actively promote AACN in your unit and/or facility including communicating the value of AACN to staff nurses and nursing leadership.
- Stay up-to-date on AACN initiatives and forward relevant information to your colleagues using key resources such as *AACN Bold Voices*, *Critical Care Nurse*, *American Journal of Critical-Care*, *Critical Care Newslines*, AACN Website, and Ambassador Updates.
- Respond to communication from National AACN *by the stated deadline or within one week* if no deadline is specified.
- Provide *quarterly reports* to the national office staff regarding your Ambassador activities when prompted by e-mail to do so.
- Participate in online forums provided by the national staff to ensure networking of Ambassadors.
- Partner with local chapters to advance AACN initiatives within your community.

National AACN Support of Ambassadors

- A dedicated national staff to provide support to Ambassadors in fulfilling their role.
- Monthly updates with important and late-breaking information about AACN and ideas, tools, and resources to help ambassadors better fulfill their role.
- A current Ambassador webpage and online resources (coming in 2010).
- Regional Ambassador Summits to provide for learning, networking, rejuvenation, and recognition (2009 – 2011).
- Online forums to learn, network, and share best practices (coming in 2010)
- Recognition for your achievements in your ambassador role.
- Formal networking opportunities at the NTI.

I would like to serve as an AACN Ambassador. I agree to fulfill the role obligations and uphold the values of AACN. If at any time I am unwilling or unable to continue to fulfill the obligations I will resign my position until I am able to do so.

Signature _____ Date _____

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