

## 'AACN CSI Academy' National Leadership Program Launches

AACN began nationwide implementation of its new hospital-based nurse leadership and innovation training program with six Indianapolis hospitals. AACN Clinical Scene Investigator (CSI) Academy will empower direct care nurses as clinician leaders and change agents whose initiatives measurably improve patient outcomes — and hospital bottom lines.

For the next 16 months, teams of up to four nurses from each hospital will work with CSI faculty, an internal mentor and their chief nursing officer to identify issues related to patient care and implement unit-based projects resulting in quantifiable improvements. The nurses will engage in hands-on training to enhance their leadership, project management and social entrepreneurship skills and understanding of the fiscal impact of nursing interventions.

Participating Hoosier hospitals:

- Franciscan St. Francis Health
- Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital
- Indiana University Health University Hospital
- Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health
- St. Vincent Hospital
- Wishard Health Services

Upon completion, AACN CSI Academy participants will share their experiences and results online to foster industry-wide nursing innovation and awareness of evidence-based best practices.

"AACN CSI Academy offers tremendous potential benefits for nurses, patients and hospitals, from strengthening clinician confidence to preventing adverse events and shortening hospital stays," said Susan Lacey, the academy's director. "The program is an important part of AACN's ongoing commitment to empowering direct care nurses and supporting their vital role in the transformation of healthcare."

Learn more about AACN CSI Academy and the original pilot program at [www.aacn.org/csi](http://www.aacn.org/csi). 

**AACN funds teams of 'clinical scene investigators' to become leaders and change agents to improve patient outcomes.**

## Where Is Your Nearest AACN Chapter?

**A**ACN's more than 235 local chapters bring our mission and vision to life across the United States in addition to chapters at U.S. military bases in Germany and Japan, and one in the People's Republic of China. Have you connected with the chapter nearest you?

National AACN members who join a local chapter come together to advance professionally in order to provide the highest quality care to acutely and critically ill patients and their families.

To support continuing professional development, chapters especially focus on key AACN initiatives: Healthy

**Connect locally with like-minded nurse colleagues.**

Work Environments, Certification and the unit-based Beacon Award

for Excellence. Chapter members also participate in service activities that benefit their local community.

Chapter members surveyed by AACN say they value being part of a local chapter community because chapters:

- Present easily accessible continuing education.
- Connect local nurses with AACN's national network of nearly 100,000 nurses.
- Commit to professional excellence.
- Facilitate networking with local colleagues.
- Offer the opportunity to volunteer locally for an exceptional national organization.
- Help hone event-planning skills.

With so much to offer you as a local member, it's time to find your local chapter by using the "Find a Chapter" link at the top of the [www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org) home page. If you don't find one near enough and would like to connect with like-minded local nurse colleagues in high acuity and critical care, write to [chapters@aacn.org](mailto:chapters@aacn.org). 