



**CIRCLE  
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## **Houston Gulf Coast Chapter**

### **Excellence in Chapter Leadership Development**

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses defines leadership as influence with purpose, and the Houston Gulf Coast Chapter brings that spirit to life through five bold initiatives. First, the annual Strategic Planning Meeting and formalized role transition handoffs, supported by clear operating procedures, protect continuity and momentum. Second, a Succession Planning Subcommittee led by the president-elect intentionally recruits and mentors emerging leaders. Third, partnerships with 21 Texas medical centers sustain quarterly chapter leadership presence and recruitment. Fourth, President-to-President collaborations link chapter leaders nationwide, expanding mentorships and shared resources. Fifth, The Heart to Heart Leadership Series invites voices from across several chapters to spark learning, courage and connection. Together, these efforts turn vision into action, create welcoming pathways to leadership, and ensure the chapter's influence reaches nurses, patients and communities in Houston and beyond. The Houston Gulf Coast Chapter proudly reflects service, resilience and collective purpose in motion.

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