



**CIRCLE
OF EXCELLENCE 2026**



Greater Phoenix Area Chapter

Excellence in Chapter Community Education and Public Service

The Greater Phoenix Area Chapter (GPAC) exemplifies service, advocacy and education through monthly volunteer initiatives that extend critical care nursing beyond the bedside. Partnering with local organizations, GPAC nurses serve at high-visibility events such as the Phoenix Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon and Ironman Arizona, providing first aid, emergency response and public education on hydration and exertional illness. Members address social determinants of health through food bank service (4,000-plus pounds distributed), water drives for heat relief, and support for unhoused mothers and families via donations of hygiene and infant care supplies. Each event integrates evidence-based community education. Since July 2024, GPAC has logged 100-plus volunteer hours, reaching approximately 1,200 individuals. These sustained efforts strengthen member engagement while advancing AACN’s mission of compassion, collaboration and excellence in nursing across the Phoenix community.