



**CIRCLE
OF EXCELLENCE 2026**



Tidewater Chapter

Excellence in Chapter Leadership Development

After eight years of dormancy, the Tidewater Chapter of AACN, Chesapeake, Virginia, relaunched in 2025 with a strategic focus and measurable impact. Inspired by AACN’s Chapter Leadership Development Workshop, the newly formed board developed a 12-month strategic plan prioritizing education, service, professional development and student mentorship. Within one year, membership increased by more than 183%, while revenue more than tripled through vendor partnerships, membership fees and programming. The chapter partnered with Regent University School of Nursing to host a two-day CCRN/PCCN Review Course, drawing 35 participants from three states, generating over \$4,000 in net revenue and welcoming 15 new members. Community engagement included raising \$1,200 for the American Heart Association. Through branding, academic outreach and certification advancement, Tidewater AACN reestablished a vibrant professional community committed to excellence in acute and critical care nursing — On Purpose.