

Excellence in Educational Programming



Greater Washington Area Chapter – AACN Washington, DC

Greater Washington Area Chapter of AACN knows that critical care nursing is a dynamic, ever changing profession. We believe the critical care nurse is increasingly responsible for maintaining a high level of clinical competency related to technological and therapeutic advances, and that it is imperative to keep up with the constantly changing technology, new procedures and the latest nursing research and evidence.

Our chapter provides various educational opportunities:

- **Spotlight on Critical Care**—a 2-day conference featuring a variety of topics highlighting advances in critical care, complex patient assessment, innovations in patient management, evidence-based best practices and future directions of critical care. We have successfully brought this conference to our area nurses for 25 years.
- **Spring Spotlight**—our one-day conference for advanced practice nurses is led by an advanced practice member who coordinates the topics suitable to meet the needs of advanced practice nurses.
- **Dinner meetings**—we provide our members with several dinner meetings each year at area restaurants featuring expert speakers sponsored by local vendors on topics ranging from stroke awareness, hyponatremia and certification preparation.
- **Critical Care Consortium**—our chapter proudly coordinates a 10-week critical care consortium and has provided scholarships to attendees. This program is focused on training nurses coming into critical care including new graduate nurses. Educators from 10 area hospitals provide the educational expertise as lecturers.

Our chapter's goal each year is to provide educational opportunities that enhance nursing practice and this goal has been the impetus behind the successful planning and implementation for our Spotlight on Critical Care, Spring Spotlight, dinner meetings and consortium. We will continue to strive to bring these learning opportunities in a fiscally responsible manner to ensure the preservation of our chapter assets.

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