Who are We?

AACN

Established in 1969, the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is the world’s largest specialty nursing organization. AACN has over 100,000 members and joins together the interests of more than 500,000 acute and critical care nurses.

AACN Chapters

ACCN claims more than 235 chapters worldwide. Chapters bring AACN’s mission and vision to life within their communities. Comprised of volunteer members dedicated to providing the highest quality care to their patients and continually advancing themselves, local chapters provide an essential component of AACN by focusing on the key initiatives of Certification, Healthy Work Environments and the Beacon Award. Chapters also serve their communities through a variety of service activities.

AACN Regions

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We are Region 3

One of 19 regions including 14 chapters in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Delaware Chapter

Diamond State

New Jersey Chapters

Central
New Jersey

Jersey
Shoreline

Northern
New Jersey

Pennsylvania Chapters

Central
Pennsylvania

Cumberland
Valley

Greater
Johnstown
(GJC)

Greater
Reading
(GRC)

Lehigh
Valley

Luzerne
Lackawanna

Northeastern
Pennsylvania
Mountain Region
(NEPA)

Southeastern
PA
(SEPA)

Susquehanna
Valley
(SVAACN)

Three
Rivers
(TRC)

First word of chapter names link to chapter websites to keep updated of regional opportunities.
The Chapter Advisory Team

The FY 14-15 Team is made up of the following members:

**AACN Board Liaison:** Karen Johnson

**Chapters Specialist:** Karen Certalic

**CAT Co-leads:**
Divina Sirokie
Stephen McKeeman

**Chapter Advisors**
And Tracey Van Dell, Mitzi Inman, Jorge Colon, Brenda Guite and Melinda Messenger-Stout at the National office:

Chapter advisors serve 2 to 3 year terms and function as a vital link between chapters and the National office, ensuring effective communication among the AACN Board of Directors, National office and local chapters on pressing issues chapters face. Advisors are volunteers who have expert knowledge on chapter issues and trends in their regions of the country.

Chapter Resources

**Dear Region 3 Chapter Officers and Members:**

I will be serving as your Chapter Advisor (CAT) beginning July 1st, 2014. I’m excited to introduce myself and to get started as a resource to you. First, and foremost, I feel very honored to have gained this position. I also was very fortunate to have Kecia Bal share my AACN story with readers in my local community, and so you may learn more about me at the following link from the May 21-27th Edition of Our Town: [http://www.ourtownjohnstown.com/news/local-nurse-accepts-multi-state-leadership-role/article_a1ef463a-e046-11e3-8873-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.ourtownjohnstown.com/news/local-nurse-accepts-multi-state-leadership-role/article_a1ef463a-e046-11e3-8873-001a4bcf6878.html).

Please accept this invitation to chapter officers and members alike to share chapter experiences via our newsletter. Provide me with your preferred emails, phone no’s etc. We have a very busy region with many educational offerings being planned for the first 1/2 of this fiscal year, keep me updated with brochures etc. Allow me to assist in times of inquiry or struggle as well as to celebrate in your accomplishments.

I credit the support of my family, mentors, colleagues and chapter peers in allowing me to accept this opportunity. I’m challenged by our prior Region 3 CATs to continue supporting chapter growth, strength and presence within our region and by AACN’s incoming President, Teri Lynn Kiss to “Focus the Flame!”

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*Photo by Jackie Gunby*
Regional Calendar of Events

July

29 - 30  Jersey Shoreline* PCCN/CCRN Review with Nicole Kupchik.

August

22  Susquehanna Valley * Challenges in Critical Care at Hershey Hotel

September

29  SEPA * Fall TRENDS Preconference on Evidence Based Practice and Research in Nursing * Valley Forge Casino Resort * King of Prussia, PA.

30 - Oct. 3  SEPA * Fall TRENDS * also at Valley Forge Casino Resort * featuring many speakers renowned to AACN including President-Elect Karen McQuillan, Deb Gauldin and Kathleen McCauley

October

7  Greater Johnstown * GJC Presents... Current Issues in Acute Care '14 * featuring Karen McQuillan AACN President-Elect

7  Greater Johnstown * GJC Presents... Celebrating AACN Chapters * also featuring Karen McQuillan

23  Diamond State* 1 day seminar on Substance Abuse in Critical Care, “Matters of the Mind”

November

5  Susquehanna Valley * Cornucopia of Knowledge in Acute and Critical Care * Kathleen Vollman is guest speaking

Reminders From the National AACN Office

August 15th Due Date:

- 4th Quarter Financial Reports
- Chapter Audit Form
- Check Signer form

* Direct questions regarding these requirements to your Chapter Advisor today; officers can log in and visit the chapter’s home page to explore webinars on these and other topics related to chapter operations.