



**CIRCLE  
OF EXCELLENCE 2024**



**Northwest Chicago Area Chapter  
Excellence in Promoting the Value of Certification**

Since 1972, the Northwest Chicago Area Chapter has promoted the value of nursing certification by providing quarterly education programs, the annual multitrack Midwest Conference (MWC), CCRN review courses, and personal collegial mentorship supporting the certification journey. These initiatives have resulted in an increase in the number of certified nurses (60%-70% of attendees) at MWC. Additionally, 30% of our conference attendees plan on achieving certification next year. The chapter has continually supported AACN's mission of fostering the professional growth of acute and critical care nurses. Nurses obtaining certification contribute to an improved healthcare environment and quality patient outcomes. By assisting nurses in acquiring the knowledge and skills to meet the demands of the healthcare environment and new technology, excellent outcomes can be realized. The Northwest Chicago Area Chapter of AACN continues to support the AACN theme of Rising Together for exceptional nursing care.

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