



**CIRCLE  
OF EXCELLENCE 2024**



**Northwest Chicago Area Chapter  
Excellence in Chapter Educational Programming**

Since 1972, the major focus of the Northwest Chicago Area Chapter (NWCAC) is providing excellent educational opportunities supporting AACN's mission to foster professional nurses' growth and support the community. Quarterly educational meetings (in-person and virtually) provide 2-3 CNE credits. NWCAC hosts the annual 2024 Midwest Conference, a one- to two-day multitrack conference, which expands to four tracks (17 presentations). Education is based on needs assessments, current evidence-based practice and new trends in critical care. Sessions are free to members and student nurses. The participants' evaluations confirmed high ratings and showed 95%-100% positive feedback. Certified nurses who attended totaled 60%-70%, and 30% plan to be certified next year. The NWCAC Awards/Scholarship Program awarded approximately \$6,500 to chapter members for continuing education and certification. By Rising Together, we support, educate and nurture our colleagues and our communities, and achieve excellent outcomes.

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