



The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses

Policy Statement

CACCN Affiliates Policy

The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses provides the following policy regarding Affiliates of the Association: Associate, Student, Honourary and Life Affiliates.

CACCN Membership Classes

The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses has **one (1)** class of Members defined as:

Member. any registered nurse, currently practicing in critical care who possesses a current and valid license or certificate in the province, territory, or country in which they practice.

CACCN Affiliates

1. CACCN may offer benefits to those who do not meet the requirements of the CACCN Membership class: Member
2. Such persons receiving benefit will be classified as "Affiliates of the CACCN"
3. CACCN Affiliates are not members of the association under the Constitution and Bylaws and as such, cannot be classified / referred to as "**members**".
4. Affiliates receive all benefits offered by CACCN with the exception:
 - a. Affiliates cannot hold office at the chapter or national level
 - b. Affiliates do not have voting rights at the chapter or national level
5. Affiliates of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses include the following categories.

a. **ASSOCIATE**

- i. any person with an interest in critical care, who does not meet the requirements for a member under the member class
- ii. Affiliates may be admitted from time to time by the Board of Directors upon due application and payment of Associate fees

b. **STUDENT**

- i. any student nurse in an accredited professional nursing program
- ii. any student nurse who is currently not licensed as a registered nurse or graduate nurse
- iii. student nurses must submit to the Association:
 - 1. an application in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors.
 - 2. annual Associate fees, as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
 - 3. evidence of the applicant's current and valid enrolment in an accredited professional nursing program and are not a registered nurse or graduate nurse.

c. **HONOURARY**

- i. any person who is not otherwise eligible under the member class whom the Association wishes to honour
- ii. Honourary Affiliates shall be admitted from time to time upon unanimous resolution of the Board
- iii. fee: Not applicable

d. **LIFE**

- i. any member in the association who has made significant contributions to the association as determined by the board may be provided Life Associate status
- ii. Life Affiliates retain member status with all inherent rights under the member class until such time as they:
 - 1. actively retire from registered nursing
 - 2. cease to hold a valid license or certificate in the province, territory, or country in which the registered nurse practiced
- iii. fee: Not applicable

6. The Board of Directors reserves the exclusive right to accept or reject any application for membership in any class.

7. Should an application be rejected, the submitted Affiliate fee shall be returned to the unsuccessful applicant(s).

Chapter Reimbursement

1. A portion of the membership fees shall be returned to the CACCN Chapters for

Affiliates

2. Such fees to be determined by the Board of Directors

3. Such payments will be issued to the Chapter within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which the fees were received

4. The Board does not provide payment to Chapters for Honourary or Life Affiliates

Approved by the CACCN Board of Directors

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