



Jennifer Richard, MN, NP-FAA, RN

Current Position:

Nurse Practitioner

Tell us why you are seeking a Board of Director position (max 100 words):

I am seeking a Board of Director position with the CACCN to finally take the opportunity to engage in advocacy for critical care nurses in promoting safer work environments and ensuring they have the opportunity for professional growth and development they deserve. I am hoping to engage critical care nurses within my local chapter to increase our enrollment and contribution to the greater critical care community. I am hoping this position will allow with me to network with other critical care nurses across Canada to ensure we continue to provide the highest standard of care to patients and their families.

CACCN / Volunteer Involvement (max 250 words):

While my involvement with the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) has been limited, I have greatly value the insights gained from numerous local chapter education sessions I have attended. Recently, as a Critical Care Nurse Practitioner, I have found my voice and am becoming increasingly confident in advocating for change at both the organizational and provincial levels. I recognize the vital importance of engaging with key decision-makers and stakeholders to ensure that my practice, as well as the broader healthcare community, can effect meaningful changes to provide safe and accessible care for patients and their families. In terms of volunteer experience, I hold a non-stipendiary appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Discipline of

Surgery at Memorial University of Newfoundland. This role has allowed me to educate postgraduate medical residents in critical care medicine and advanced procedural techniques. Additionally, within the Newfoundland and Labrador Health System, I actively participate in various committees focused on quality improvement and policy/procedure review. I am currently leading the implementation of a percutaneous tracheostomy program in our city hospital's critical care units. On a community level, I recently traveled to Guatemala with Team Broken Earth for a rural medical mission and have had the privilege of providing educational initiatives and vaccination clinics with this team throughout NL. I am also involved in the local chapter of the Shoebox Project, which aims to uplift and empower women experiencing or at risk of homelessness through in-kind support, education, and community engagement.

Personal Statement (max 500 words):

Please accept this application for the CACCN Board of Directors – Eastern Region. My name is Jennifer Richard and I am an Adult Critical Care Nurse Practitioner (CCNP) in St. John's, NL. I have been working in this incredible and dynamic position since 2019 after successful completion of the Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner (Family/All-Ages) at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN). Working as a critical care NP has allowed me the opportunity to continuously challenge myself to stay relevant in critical care medicine and advance my scope of practice. I provide continuity of care in our ICU that directly benefits patient care and outcomes. My role allows me the unique perspective of approaching situations with a nursing lens and integrating complex medical foundations into care delivery. Prior to working as a CCNP, I spent most of my career working as a critical care and general surgery RN. I place significant value on lifelong learning completing continuing education in Advanced Trauma Life Support, Advanced Airway Management, and currently my certificate in medical teaching through MUN. I have recently developed a new passion in medical education inclusive of all interdisciplinary team members with a focus in critical care. I was fortunate to receive a clinical appointment (non-MD) as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at MUN. This appointment has allowed me the ability to promote the role of an NP and demonstrate our ability to be crucial key members of the interdisciplinary team. While not working or volunteering my time, I am immersed in being mom to a 2 year old boy, Spencer, and 4 year old golden doodle, Mabel spending every ounce of time we can together outside in rain or shine! I have decided to apply to the CACCN board of directors to hopefully strengthen our Newfoundland and Labrador chapter and empower more of our incredible critical care nurses to find their voices and contribute to a strong future for critical care in our province and Canada wide. I finally feel that I have the opportunity as a critical care nurse to engage in advocacy at a higher level to ensure critical care nurses have the professional development opportunities and support network to provide the highest standard of patient and family centered care.