



## **BOD Nomination for Director @ Large (any region)**

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**Marianne Rowland, BScN, RN, CNCC(C)**

Thorndale, ON

*Nominated by: Andrea Aikens, Drumbo, ON*

### **Tell us why you are seeking a Board of Director position**

I am dedicated to providing the best care for our patients and enjoy creating engaging and educational opportunities for individuals with similar interests. My commitment aligns with the mission and vision of CACCN. In collaboration with my fellow board members, I aim to share this passion for learning by participating in various planning and organizational committees. As a board member, I hope to inspire the perspective that every nurse can become a critical care nurse and to explore ways we can encourage our colleagues to deliver the highest quality of critical care nursing.

### **CACCN / Volunteer Involvement**

- 2018- current, Executive Member- Chapter Liaison: Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN): London Regional CACCN Executive.
- CACCN Planning Committee 2023 Baxter CACCN Fall Education Day. University Hospital London Health Sciences Center, November 23, 2023.
- Chair 2024 CACCN/CVAA Collaborative Critical Care Education Event. St. Mary's ON. June 4, 2024.

- Committee member 2025 CACCN/CVAA 2nd Annual Collaborative Critical Care Education Event. St. Mary's ON. May, 2025.
- CACCN Award Reviewer 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- CACCN Abstract Reviewer 2024 Canadian Critical Care Conference Abstract Selection Committee.
- Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses. Conference presentations: Joosse, B., North, P., Rowland, M. (2023). Rapid Assessments of Critical Events (RACE) Team in Rural Hospital Setting: Program Development, Implementation and Evaluation. [Abstract Presentation]. Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses Conference. Fredericton, NB September 26, 2023.
- CACCN Conferences attended:
  - 2025- 17th World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine, Vancouver, BC, September 15-18, 2025 (planning to attend)
  - 2023 Canadian Conference in Critical Care Nursing, Fredericton, NB September 25-27, 2023.
  - 2022 Dynamics Critical Care conference, Windsor, ON, Sept 19-20, 2022

## **Personal Statement**

My name is Marianne Rowland, and I am a Critical Care Nurse from Thorndale, Ontario.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Toronto Metropolitan University in 2014 and began my nursing career at Woodstock Hospital that same year. Driven by a strong sense of curiosity and a desire to learn, I completed my Critical Care certificate at Conestoga College in 2019 and earned my Certificate in Nursing Education for the Practice Setting through the Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing in 2023. I also obtained my CNA certificate in Critical Care Nursing in 2023. I am currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing program at the University of Ottawa, in the thesis stream. My research focuses on the perceptions and experiences of nurses caring for critically ill patients in hospitals with allocated Level 2 basic critical care beds. I aim to explore what establishes a healthy and integrated healthcare system for critically ill patients in rural areas of Ontario.

Since 2018, I have been an active member of the London Regional Chapter of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN), where I have had the great pleasure of facilitating numerous educational events for chapter members. Reflecting on my experience with CACCN, I recall attending my first executive meeting at a restaurant near London, Ontario. There, I met a small group of like-minded individuals who shared my innate interest in learning and understanding complex health issues, and who wanted to share this

knowledge with others. For the first time as a bedside nurse, I felt that my passion for nursing was fostered and accepted.

I remain committed to CACCN for this reason, with the hope of inspiring others and promoting the betterment of the profession, ultimately ensuring our patients receive the best care during their most critical times. This passion, along with my strong organizational skills, leadership abilities, and attention to detail, will be valuable assets as a member-at-large on the board of directors.

I hope to bring a perspective shaped by my experience in critical care and my dedication to the role of critical care in our community and rural hospitals. I recognize that every nurse in acute care may provide critical care at any moment, and I aim to promote opportunities for all nurses to learn from and engage with the critical care community.