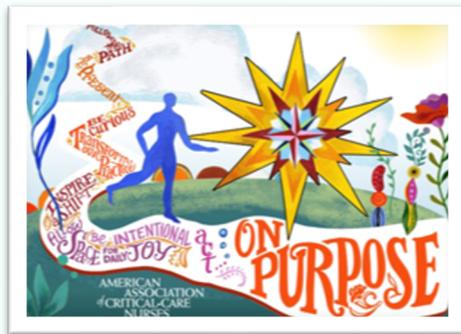


AACN West Michigan Chapter Annual Spring Conference



Thursday, March 19, 2026

Grand Rapids, MI

All are welcome at our annual spring conference!

This day-long conference will discuss a variety of topics and current practice trends seen in acute care environments such as critical care, progressive care, and emergency care departments.

This activity will award 5.75 CE Contact Hours
(3.5 CERP A, 1.25 CERP B, 1 CERP C).

AACN CERTIFICATION RECOGNITION

Each year on March 19th, Certified Nurses Day™ honors nurses worldwide who contribute to better patient outcomes through national board certification in their specialty. Certification affirms advanced knowledge, skill, and practice to meet the challenges of modern nursing. AACN West Michigan Chapter will recognize and acknowledge the nurses who have achieved AACN Certification, the highest credentials in their specialty.

PROGRAM AGENDA

0730 - 0800	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits	
0800 - 0805	Welcome / Announcements	Tracey Irons
0805 - 0900	Invasive Fungal Infections in Hospitalized Patients	Dr. Andrew Jameson
0900 - 0915	Break and Exhibits	
0915 - 1030	Applying Evidence to Practice "On Purpose"	Sara Knippa
1030 - 1145	Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking in Healthcare	Andrea Keller and Leyna Luttrull
1145 - 1230	Lunch (provided) and Exhibits	
1230 - 1330	What's Your Purpose for Certification?	Sara Knippa
1330 - 1345	Certification Celebration	
1345 - 1400	Exhibits	
1400 - 1500	Current Management of Chronic Pelvic Pain	Dr. Jason Gilleran
1500 - 1510	Stretch Break	
1510 - 1540	Time to Laugh	Dr. Jason Gileran
1540 - 1600	Wrap-Up and Evaluation	Tracey Irons

LOCATION

Postma Center at Pine Rest, 300 68th St. SE, Building C, Entrance C2, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration fee: AACN Certified RNs - \$40. All others - \$60.
- Registration deadline is March 11, 2026 @ 2330. Registrations accepted at door on a space available basis, there is no guarantee of refreshments. Cash payment only at the door.
- Refunds, minus a \$15 processing fee, are available for written requests received by March 11, 2026 @2330.
- Register on the [West Michigan AACN Nursing Network](#) site.

PROGRAM FACULTY

- Jason Gilleran MD, Corwell Health, Royal Oak, MI, Associate Professor, Dept of Urology, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
- Andrew Jameson, MD, FACP, FIDSA, AAHIVS, Section Chief of Infectious Disease, Medical Director of Specialty Medicine, Trinity Health
- Andrea Keller, MA, LPC, SCL, NCC, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, Wedgwood Christian Services, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sara Knippa, MS, RN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, PCCN, Critical Care Nurse Specialist, University of Colorado Health, Auroa, CO, Secretary AACN Board of Directors
- Leyna Luttrull, Lived Experience Expert

This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.