Upcoming Dates

March 2020

- Tuesday, March 10th:
  Siouxland AACN Spring Conference
  8am-1:30pm: Assessment and Treatment of the Trauma Patient

April 2020

- Monday, April 13th:
  7pm: Business meeting
  8pm: Pharmacologic Management of DKA

- Tuesday, April 14th:
  6-7pm: Backpack Program at Feeding South Dakota

May 2020

- Monday, May 11th:
  Pupilometer Education: Time and Place TBD

What is AACN?

Siouxland AACN meets the second Monday of the month, September through May. The business meeting is at 7pm followed by an educational presentation at 8pm. Our monthly meetings will now be held in Meeting Room A near the Schroeder Auditorium (a.k.a. where we typically have our unit meetings). During summer months, planning meetings are held to discuss and plan out the meetings for the rest of the year. Each year a fall and spring workshop are put on in order for various critical care topics to be discussed. The Siouxland AACN is also a great way for individuals to become more involved in the community!

Chapters provide a local forum to assist critical care and acute nurses in meeting the challenges and demands of their profession and caring for the critically ill through networking, communication, education, and research. Chapters support the mission and vision of AACN while working to advance the key initiatives of certification, healthy work environments, and the prestigious Beacon Award within their communities. The chapter email is siouxlandaacn@gmail.com or check out the chapter website at https://siouxlandaacn.nursingnetwork.com/.
Hello Siouxland AACN!

We are well on our way into spring and we have had a very busy AACN year thus far! We are continuing to meet on the second Monday of each month in Meeting Room A at Sanford Medical Center. Our business portion is at 7pm, followed by an educational portion at 8pm. Anyone is welcome to join. We have had great speakers this year so far and will continue to offer these educational opportunities for April and May this year. At our next meeting in April, Brittany Elgersma, a Pharmacy Resident, will be speaking about the pharmacologic management of DKA.

So far this year we have had several volunteer opportunities. We have paired with Carly Farner-Cordell, to help teach Stop the Bleed training to many local organizations. Stop the Bleed is a national initiative to teach basic bleeding control to civilians in crisis situations. We also have volunteered at Feeding South Dakota's Backpack Program, which provides meals for students at risk of hunger. We are looking for more volunteers on April 14th to help fill backpacks for the Backpack Program. See our website for more details on how to volunteer.

AACN is a great way to be involved and we hope to see you at all our future meetings! Sign up to be on member on Nursing Network to get updates on the chapter. Please feel free to contact myself or any of our board members if you have questions or ideas for our chapter.

Jessie Boeddeker, RN, BSN, CCRN

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My name is Carter Wevik, and I am from Rapid City, SD. I attended Augustana University to attain my nursing degree and play baseball for the Vikes. The Critical Care Unit at Sanford has been a rewarding, fast-paced start to my nursing career. I enjoy the teamwork in our unit and the difference we make for our patients and their families. I appreciate the knowledge that comes with being challenged every day and being surrounded by such intelligent, talented people.

I spend my free time golfing, hunting, and traveling with my wife Sara. We really enjoy visiting my parents in the Black Hills. One of my favorite pastimes is visiting my friends and going to big college football games. A fun fact about me is that some might argue I peaked athletically at 13 years old when I was able to play baseball on ESPN.

I look forward to continued growth as a nurse and applaud AACN for helping us in our practice.

Hi! I’m Kristina Sorenson! I am an RN in the ICU at Sanford USD Medical Center. I attained my BSN while serving as the captain of the women’s soccer team at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. Growing up in a family of medical professionals, along with my natural leadership through communication, and need for excitement drew me to the ICU right out of college.

When I’m not at work, I enjoy and active (and competitive!!!) lifestyle full of running, playing soccer, mountain biking, disc golfing, kayaking, and yoga... all of which are on hold as I suffered a leg injury late last year. My boyfriend of 8+ years, Demir, and I spend our time off of work traveling the country visiting my six older siblings + two nieces. We are also in the process of crossing off all of the national parks. You don’t have to know me to know there’s nothing I love more than my dog, Max and food- desserts in particular.
Interested in joining our chapter?

Here are a few perks...

• Siouxland Chapter AACN organizes educational workshops twice a year, Fall and Spring
• Members are eligible for scholarships given annually, both locally and nationally
• Members are eligible for stipends from the chapter to attend workshops and NTI based on a merit point system
• Members are eligible for a discounted CCRN exam and renewal costs

We offer annual discounts on national membership dues. If you join through our chapter, national dues are only $69 per year. National membership is renewed annually during the month you originally apply for national membership. Local dues are renewed annually in the fall and are $15 per year.

Register online at

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