

# AORN 1411

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- ICORN Group webpage: <https://hub.aorn.org/periopcorner/s/group/0F9Ux00000000zMKAO/icorn-illinois-state-council>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AORN1411/>

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## Upgrade your professional standard of practice with CNOR certification!

### Zander CNOR Review Course

March 14-15, 2026

Ascension Alexian Brothers Kennedy

Register online by **March 7, 2026**

<https://www.periop-ed.com/event/cnor-elk-grove-village-il/>

For further information, contact Wendy Zander:

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## CNOR Review Prep Course \_16 CEU March 14-15, 2026

After you attend, you'll receive: 120 days of access to a recording of the class, an invitation to the virtual study group, and 200 practice questions to help you prepare for the exam.

### CNOR Prep and Review Course

This two day course is designed to prepare perioperative nurses to take the CNOR exam and to demonstrate clinical competence and knowledge of practice standards.

#### Course Benefits:

The one thing that we are most proud to deliver as a part of this class is our personalized study plan. You'll leave this class having learned exactly how the writers of the exam go about creating the questions, where they go to source their information, and how you personally can best use that knowledge to study. In addition, you'll have taken seven tests over the two days of class that reflect the content and style of the exam to better give you a feel for what it's like to apply these skills in practice. After you attend, you'll have access to a recording of the class for 120 days and an additional 200 practice questions to help you prepare for the exam. If at any point you need any more help, do not hesitate to call or email!

The CNOR exam is a perioperative exam, covering preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative nursing. Since many nurses specialize in only one of these areas, it is vital to understand the rationale behind the entire perioperative nursing process from start to finish. We will discuss several topics over the two days of class; all aspects of sterilization the safe administration of anesthesia, the nurse's role as a patient advocate, and the professional nurse's responsibilities both ethical and legal, all from the perspective of the perioperative nurse. The discussion of each topic that we present is carefully and consistently tailored to reflect the most up to date version of the exam. This class will help you develop not only the understanding that you will need to pass the exam, but also develop confidence and clinical competence in your own nursing practice.

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

Scan to Register:



Zander Perioperative Education

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*After you attend, you'll receive 120 days of access to a recording of the class, an invitation to our virtual study group, and 200 practice questions to help you prepare for the exam. If you need anything else along the way, don't hesitate to call or email! Wendy Zander.*



Presenter: Sarah Kweeder MSN, RN-BC, CNOR

### CNOR Exam Prep and Review Course

**This is an AORN Fundraiser!**  
**AORN Chapter 1411**  
Ascension Alexian Brothers  
Kennedy Conference Room

March 14-15, 2026  
16.0 contact hours provided



Professional Development for Perioperative Nurses

**Day 1**      **March 14, 2026**

7:30 - 8:50      Test Taking Strategies  
 8:50 - 9:20      Study Plan  
 9:20 - 9:35      Break  
 9:35 -10:45      Sterile Processing  
 10:45 -11:25      Surgical Field  
 11:25 -12:15      Operative Suite  
 12:15 -12:45      Lunch on your own  
 12:45 - 1:35      Regulatory Compliance  
 1:35 - 2:35      Legal integrity  
 2:35 - 2:45      Break  
 2:45 - 4:00      Safe use of Equipment

**Day 2**      **March 15, 2026**

7:30 - 8:30      Patient Safety  
 8:30 - 10:10      Preparing for Anesthesia  
 10:10 - 10:20      Break  
 10:20 -11:55      Pharmacology  
 11:55 -12:25      Lunch on your own  
 12:25 -1:25      Administration of Anesthesia  
 1:25 - 2:35      Complications  
 2:35 - 2:45      Break  
 2:45 - 3:45      Surgical Emergencies  
 3:45 - 4:55      Trauma Surgery

Free parking is available in front of the hospital. Enter #8 East Tower. Go past the information desk and turn left. Half way down the long hallway you'll turn right between two entrances towards the Kennedy Conference room. At the end of the narrow hallway turn right into the classroom.

This is an interactive course. You will complete six modules and take seven practice tests over the two days. After class, you will receive 16.0 ANCC approved contact hours and access to a recording of class for two months.

All required hand outs will be provided during class. It is not required for class but I recommend access to a good text book and the AORN Recommended Standards of practice aid your study.

You will learn during class how to focus your study and improve your areas of opportunity. I recommend you schedule your exam the month following The CNOR Prep and Review Course.



Ascension Alexian Brothers  
 800 Biesterfeld Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

**REGISTER:**

online at: [www.periop-ed.com](http://www.periop-ed.com)

Or detach and mail this form with payment to:  
 Zander Perioperative Education  
 239 Bradford Hill Rd  
 Mills River, NC 28759

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**FEEES AND DEADLINES:**

Early Registration fee received by Feb 14 is \$295

Regular Registration Feb 14-Mar 7 is \$320

Please make checks payable to:  
 Zander Perioperative Education

**REFUND POLICY**

Cancellations received in writing up to 14 days prior to class will receive a full refund. A 10% processing fee will be charged for refunds requested less than 14 days prior to class. Cancellation fee will be waived for tuitions transferred to another class. In the rare event that Zander Periop Ed must cancel, Zander Periop Ed's liability is limited to tuition.

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 Elk Grove Village, IL March 14-15, 2026*

**Chapter 1411 Membership Update 2026:**

| <b>2026</b>                          | <b>February</b> | <b>March</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Membership</b>                    | <b>152</b>      | <b>146</b>   |
| <b>Soon to expire within 30 days</b> | <b>20</b>       | <b>18</b>    |

## IL Council of peri-Operative RNs \_ICORN

### ICORN Special Business Zoom Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb 14, 2026, Saturday

Meeting called to order by: Chairperson Chic Duffy at 10:01 PM

#### Attendees:

1401 Tiana Dunlap, Tina Montanez, Carlo Butacan

1403 Marilyn Shigley

1411 Chic Duffy

1418 Jennifer Gregg

Meeting started @10:15 AM CST

#### Minutes:

- Approval of January minutes.
- Treasurer's report:
  - Checking account balance       \$3964.06
- Acknowledgment: Shout out to Molnlycke, Joan Gorman for hosting AORN Chapter 1411 at the Season's 52 restaurant, and to Carlo Butacan for his education presentation on "Implementing a Climate of Safety: Consensus Recommendations on Surgical Gloving"
- Fundraising opportunity: Topgolf is a global sports entertainment chain featuring high-tech, climate-controlled hitting bays where players aim microchipped golf balls at giant outfield targets. The experience is designed to be inclusive for all skill levels—often compared to "bowling for golf"—and is paired with a full-service bar and restaurant. Treasurer Jennifer Gregg & Chapter 1401 Pres Tiana Dunlap have been in email contact with Topgolf. There will be a meeting with Topgolf on Feb 25th in the Schaumburg location. Details to follow.
- Vote on meeting platform \_Zoom, Google Meet, or fb Messenger: Chapter 1411 has been hosting the zoom platform for ICORN monthly meetings. Zoom has increased the price by \$10. The yearly payment of \$174 will then be \$184. Next billing date is April 1st. There is no final decision. However, suggestions leaned more towards the use of fb Messenger.
- Mark your calendars:
  - Register for the February 28th @10am MT Candidates' Live town hall on your Nursing Network feed.
  - March 14-15 \_Zander CNOR Prep Review Course
    - Register online: <https://www.periop-ed.com/event/cnor-elk-grove-village-il/>

- For further information you may contact Wendy Zander at E-mail: [wendy@perioped.com](mailto:wendy@perioped.com) or by Phone: 803-271-0744
- March 19 \_Certified Nurses Day
- ICORN's thank you gift to Sen Laura Murphy was received with great appreciation at the Park Ridge Library after her town hall meeting on January 27, 2026. Sen Laura Murphy helped facilitate acquiring Gov Pritzker's official signature in the recognition of the importance of the PNW Proclamation.
- Board Update: Dr Rebecca Vortmann - Report will be posted in AORN's PeriopCorner ICORN webpage
  - The meeting focused on updates regarding ongoing federal changes and bills reintroduced during the current legislative session, with an emphasis on the importance of advancing key initiatives in an election year. Rebecca highlighted several bills of interest, including the nurse licensure compact bill, House Bill 4804 on Nursing AI, and House Bill 1807 on Nursing Program Education, as well as Senate bills addressing CRNA practice authority and House Bill 5168 on hospital violence. She also shared important legislative deadlines, including Governor Pritzker's budget address on February 18th and the March 27th deadline for bills to pass through their chamber of origin. The group discussed the need to post this information on the ICORN website and the Nursing Network, and Chic confirmed that the board update would include the legislative details.
- To attend AORN's National Legislative Forum (NLF) held every 3rd Monday, explaining its relevance for nurses to engage in federal and local updates.
  - Join AORN's NLF Zoom Meeting \_Monday Feb 16, 2026 @6:30pm MT  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85340237621>  
Meeting ID: 853 4023 7621

**Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am, CST**

*Submitted by:*

*Chic Duffy RN BSN CNOR*

*Lifetime Member*

*ICORN Chair*

**ICORN Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Meeting February 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM**

Attendees: Tiana Dunlap (1401), Jamie Carver (1402), Chic Duffy and Tey O'Meara (1411), Jennifer Gregg (1418)

Summary:

**ICORN Fundraising:** Chic, Jennifer, and Tey visited Top Golf at 20250 Progress Parkway in Schaumburg, with 1401 Tiana on FaceTime, IL and met with Kara, venue special events representative. The idea is to check out the place to see if it's suitable for our fundraising idea.

**Topgolf Meeting Rm (\$150/hr):** Tiana came up with the possibility of using their special meeting room for an hour of education presentation with one contact hour. The meeting room includes: hourly charge fee, AV, with maximum capacity of 50.

**Topgolf special promotion:** Top Golf Gameplay person is \$10/hour/person versus \$33/hour/person without the discount.

**Food Package:** The food is buffet style with 2 choices (Mediterranean or Cantina) at \$30/person, kids have discounted price. Jennifer will check the actual price for kids. The food will be set up outside by the golf bay area instead of inside the meeting room to avoid additional costs of \$150/hour.

**Projected billing statement:** A rough estimate of \$1,857 for 25 people was prepared by Kara. The Topgolf package includes top golf game, food at \$30/person/3hours, one hour use of meeting room for a \$150 (if we opt to use it), 18% gratuity (\$162), and \$45 administrative fee. If we lock in the date to May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-4pm (proposed date and times) we have to pay 50% (\$928.50) within 10 business days the event is requested. The final 50% is due 10 days before the event is held. The cost for each attendee is \$74.28. To raise funds, the charge will be raised to \$100 per person.

**Vendor sponsorship:** Tiana also suggested asking vendors for sponsorship, \$300, to have a table at the event. Jennifer will check if there is a possibility of providing tables for the vendors outside near the food set-up.

**Revenue:** To help each chapter raise funds, each chapter will earn \$12.50 and ICORN will receive \$12.50 for every attendee recruited. Additionally, each chapter will receive half of \$300 for every vendor they recruit and ICORN will get the other half.

**Time sensitive chapter input:** Tiana, Chapter 1401, has also introduced Topgolf to her chapter as part of their chapter's fundraising and will report these logistics to her chapter at their next meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2026. It has to be decided by Friday, March 5th if we go ahead with this fundraising event. We have less than 90 days to work on the flyers, advertising, and notifying sponsors.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:59am**

**Submitted by Tey O'Meara, ICORN Secretary**

## Chapter Town Hall Zoom Meeting

### Business Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: Thursday, February, 2026

#### ■ Opening Announcements by Kerilyn Johnson, MS, Sr. Manager, Chapter & Community Engagement

- ✦ Greeted members with a Happy Chinese New Year with the background music of “Ain’t no Mountain High Enough” by Marvin Gale & Tammi Terrell. She states that, “this is the year of the fire horse which brings a tidal wave of transformation, speed & unbridled passion. This is not a year for standing still but a year for leaping. For all of us, 2026 is an invitation to break free from old cycles.”

#### ■ Darlene Murdock, 2025-2026 AORN President

- ✦ Greeted members “Happy Black History Month”
- ✦ Attended ANA Nursing Summit in Washington DC. Summit’s theme “The Power of Nurses”
- ✦ Mark your calendar \_April 18, AORN Virtual Town Hall & Special Business meeting.
- ✦ Board has approved task forces for 2026-2027. If interested at joining any committees for the task forces, submit Willingness to Serve form at [corn.org](http://corn.org).

#### ■ Membership Programs & Community Specialist by Victoria Thornton

- ✦ Feb 28 - Meet the Candidates Live Town Hall
- ✦ March 5 - deadline to apply for chapter meeting space: [bit.ly/expo2026\\_chaptermeetings](https://bit.ly/expo2026_chaptermeetings)
- ✦ March 11 - ends early bird pricing for global conference. <https://www.aorn.org/surgical-expo>
- ✦ Mar 18 - Town Hall & Business Special Mtg
- ✦ Conference schedule: <https://www.aorn.org/surgical-expo/conference/schedule-at-a-glance>
- ✦ By April 1 - Chapter Challenge: \$500 donation to chapter with the highest % registered members.

#### ■ AORN Center for Perioperative Leadership [aorn.org/periopleadership](http://aorn.org/periopleadership)

- ✦ Apr 25-26 - Virtual Medical Laser Officer Safety Course
- ✦ May 5-8 (Tues & Thurs) - Virtual OR Leadership Essentials: Finance & Operations

#### ■ Innovative Sterilization Techniques by Barbara Ann Harmer, VP of Clinical Services

- ✦ Schedule a chapter mtg
- ✦ Topic: “New Technology & Its Impact on OR Efficiency, The Solution to Your Everyday Issues”

#### ■ Nursing Network - How To Navigate by Kerilyn Johnson

- ✦ Bookmark your Nursing Network website for easy search
- ✦ Nursing Network Resource Guide will be ready by April 2026 to help chapters navigate NN

#### ■ Chapter Relations Updates by Kerilyn Johnson

- ✦ Rise to 25 Chapter Challenge ended Dec 31, 2025


■ **Braindates: [community@aorn.org](mailto:community@aorn.org)**

- ✦ First mtg - March 4, 1-2 pm EST
- ✦ Virtual knowledge-sharing

BRAINDATES

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Something NEW and EXCITING!



**Join us for the first gathering of brilliant perioperative leader minds:**  
*Implementing Process Improvement for OR Efficiency*  
 Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
 1 - 2 pm EST  
<https://aorn.braindate.com/>

- ❖ Braindate Gatherings are virtual knowledge-sharing conversations that you book with others for one-on-one or small groups on the Braindate platform.
- ❖ They're the best way to brainstorm, solve challenges, share expertise or experiences while meeting people in ongoing and engaging ways - all virtually.
- ❖ AORN Braindates will include different gatherings for Leader Members and All Members!



Want to be an Ambassador? Let us know! Different topics every month or you can create your own and host your very own small group! Email: [community@aorn.org](mailto:community@aorn.org)

Keep an eye on your email for the next event!

■ **Leader member Upgrade**

**Now Available: Leader Member Upgrade!**

- Ready to take the next step in your perioperative leadership journey?
- Get access to exclusive leadership tools, events, insights, and a community of peers who truly get what you do.
- Your upgrade price is automatically prorated—just log in to see your personalized cost.

■ **Delegates & Voting** - check out the pdf forms in this link

- ✦ New Chapter Delegate Information <https://aornchapterofficers.nursingnetwork.com/page/103525-2026-new-orleans-expo>

■ **Chapter Officer Summit New Orleans April 10, 4-6pm  
New Orleans Convention Center R06-R09**

## ■ Final Thoughts by Kerilyn Johnson

FINAL THOUGHTS

Questions on education, events, or membership? Contact Experience Services at 800.755.2676 or email [cs@aorn.org](mailto:cs@aorn.org)

Check the Chapter Officer Group for ALL chapter-related resources. Questions on Nursing Network? Contact: [www.nursingnetwork.com/contact](http://www.nursingnetwork.com/contact)

“Leaders must be tough enough to fight, tender enough to cry, human enough to make mistakes, humble enough to admit them, strong enough to absorb the pain, and resilient enough to bounce back and keep on moving.” ~Rev. Jesse Jackson

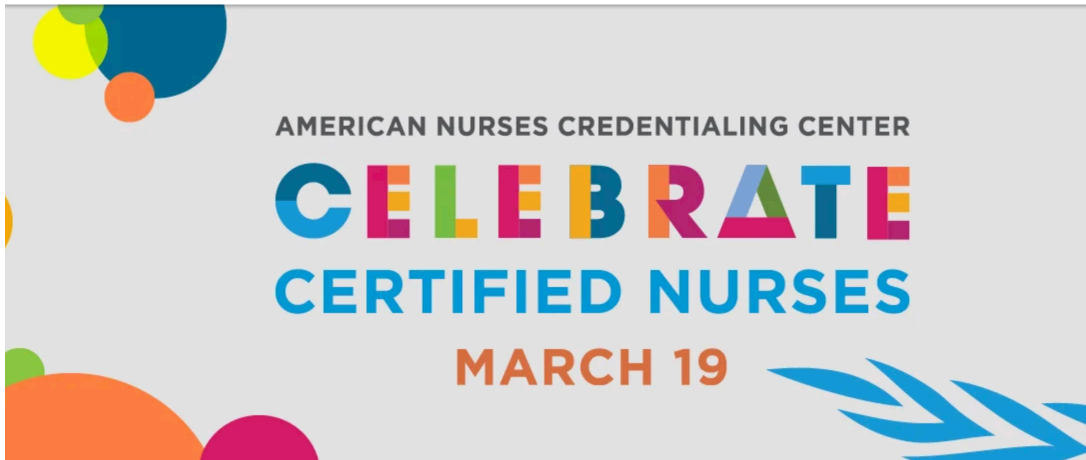
Be Kind. Be Intelligent. Be Courageous.

Submitted by:  
Chic Duffy RN BSN CNOR  
Editor

## March Observances & Awareness

- **March 1:** First Day of Ramadan
- **March 3:** World Wildlife Day
- **March 3:** World Hearing Day
- **March 4:** National Safety Day
- **March 4:** World Obesity Day
- **March 4:** International HPV Awareness Day
- **March 8:** International Women's Day
- **March 8-14:** Patient Safety Awareness Week  
March 12: World Kidney & Glaucoma Day
- **March 13:** World Sleep Day
- **March 14:** Pi Day
- **March 15:** World Consumer Rights Day, Mother's Day (UK)
- **March 17:** St. Patrick's Day, March Madness Tournaments Begin
- **March 19:** Certified Nurses Day
- **March 20:** Spring Equinox (North)
- **March 20:** International Day of Happiness
- **March 22:** World Water Day
- **March 29:** Palm Sunday

- **March 30:** National Doctors' Day
- **National Nutrition Month:** Focuses on healthy eating habits.
- **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:** Promotes screening and prevention.
- **Brain Injury/Awareness Month:** Raises awareness for brain health.
- **National Women's History Month:** Celebrates women's contributions.
- **Red Cross Month:** Recognizes the humanitarian organization.
- **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month:** Promotes inclusion



<https://www.nursingworld.org/education-events/certified-nurses-day/>

## Dr. Margretta "Gretta" Madden Styles, RN, EdD, FAAN

1930-2005

- An American nurse, author, educator & nursing school dean.
- Wrote 5 books & many articles published in medical journeys.
- Conceived & helped establish national standards for certifying nurses in pediatrics, cardiology, & other medical specialties.
- One of the greatest leaders in the field of nursing certification.
- Past president of ANA, '86-'88