AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of CRITICAL-CARE NURSES | San Antonio Chapter

Every Voice.
Every Story.
Every Table.

CRITICAL CARE FORWARD 2027

Symposium & Summit

EVIDENCE · INNOVATION · LEADERSHIP

A HALF-DAY EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
FOR NURSES, STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Saturday
February 27, 2027
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Galen College of Nursing
13805 IH-10 West
San Antonio, TX

Spacious venue with room for 200 participants, vendors, and posters

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tonka Williams,
DNP, MHA, MSN, RN, CMSRN
2026–27 AACN President

Join us for an inspiring keynote with Tonka Williams as she shares insights on nursing leadership, professional voice, and creating environments where every nurse's perspective matters.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SCAN TO REGISTER

EXPLORE emerging evidence and clinical innovation

TRANSLATE evidence into practice and quality improvement

ENGAGE in leadership discusions and interactive tables

CELEBRATE nursing excellence through our Poster Showcase

CONNECT with colleagues, industry partners, and local leaders



Be Part of the Conversation. Be Part of the Change.

About the Event

The Critical Care Forward 2027: Symposium & Summit, presented by the San Antonio Chapter AACN, is a dynamic half-day educational event designed to inspire, inform, and connect nurses and healthcare professionals from across San Antonio and South Texas.

This event will highlight emerging evidence, innovative approaches to patient care, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, nursing leadership, and strategies for creating healthy work environments. Through engaging speakers, interactive discussions, and a vibrant poster showcase, participants will gain practical insights and build meaningful connections to support excellence in critical care nursing.

Who Should Attend?

- Acute and critical care nurses
- Nursing students
- Nurse leaders and educators
- Healthcare professionals
- Quality improvement and research teams
- Industry and community partners

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring your ideas, experiences, and voice to advance the future of critical care nursing.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After participating in this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Examine emerging evidence and practice recommendations that influence critical care nursing.
2. Identify strategies to translate evidence into clinical practice and quality improvement.
3. Explore the role of nursing leadership, collaboration, and healthy work environments in improving patient outcomes.
4. Develop an actionable commitment to support evidence-based practice or professional growth.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Inspiring keynote and featured speakers
- Evidence-based practice and quality improvement
- Interactive conversation tables on leadership, healthy work environment, and burnout
- Voices of Innovation: Poster Showcase
- Exhibitor showcase with industry partners
- Call to action and opportunities to advance nursing excellence

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Category	Early Bird (through 12/31/26)	Regular (after 12/31/26)
AACN Member	$45	$60
Nonmember	$65	$80
Student	$20	$20
Hospital Group (10 or more)	$50 per person	$50 per person

Register early to secure your place!

REGISTER NOW ON NURSING NETWORK
https://sachapteraacn.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/153920-critical-care-forward-2027-clinical-evidence-leadership-symposium-summit#!info

VOICES OF INNOVATION: POSTER SHOWCASE

lurses, nursing students, educators, nd healthcare professionals are invited submit posters highlighting:

- Healthy Work Environment
- Evidence-Based Practice & Quality Improvement
- Research
- Clinical Innovation Proposals
- Emerging Voices (undergraduate students and recent graduates)

Abstract submission deadline:
November 30, 2026

VIEW SUBMISSION GUIDELINES ON NURSING NETWORK
(link to be added)

VENDOR & SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Connect with critical care nurses, students, and healthcare leaders from across the region.

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorship packages
- Premium, preferred, and standard exhibit locations
- Space for larger equipment (Gold level)
- Excellent visibility and recognition

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(link to be added)

Questions?
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Visit the San Antonio Chapter AACN Nursing Network page for registration, poster guidelines, and sponsorship information.

Together, we advance what's possible in nursing.