



Membership of the World Federation of Critical Care Nursing

Key aims of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) are to represent critical care nursing at an international level and to help improve critical care nursing practice worldwide. These are applicable to all categories of membership.

There are three categories of membership: Member, Associate Member, and Individual Member¹. Only Member associations have full voting rights and full access to WFCCN activities and initiatives, including hosting the WFCCN World Congress.

The benefits of each category of membership are outlined in section 1 and the roles and responsibilities associated with each category of membership are outlined in section 2.

1. Benefits of membership

1.1. Members only:

- 1.1.1. Full voting rights at WFCCN Council meetings.
- 1.1.2. Nominate a representative to serve on the WFCCN Board of Directors.
- 1.1.3. Hosting of the WFCCN World Congress.
- 1.1.4. Networking with top, international nursing leaders to share best practice examples with opportunities on strategies to achieve them through WFCCN Council participation.
- 1.1.5. Participation as a WFCCN representative on various international initiatives and taskforce groups around improving critical care practice.
- 1.1.6. Publication of your national critical care nursing organisation's activities and events via WFCCN media outlets such as the Connect journal, WFCCN website and e-bulletins.
- 1.1.7. Access to WFCCN members for research collaboration.
- 1.1.8. Full access to the International Council of Nurses website information via WFCCN's membership.
- 1.1.9. The right to use the WFCCN logo to promote critical care events.

1.2. Members and Associate Members only:

- 1.2.1. Representation of your country's critical care nurse organization on the world stage to impact the practice of critical care nursing globally.
- 1.2.2. Increase the international profile of your national organisation.
- 1.2.3. Promotion of your national critical care nursing organisation's activities internationally via WFCCN Facebook page and other media communications.
- 1.2.4. Help maintain and establish international standards for the education, practice and management of critical care nursing.
- 1.2.5. Participate in WFCCN international research studies.

¹ To be introduced in 2017.

1.3. All membership categories:

- 1.3.1.** Contribution to improvement of the standard of care provided to critically ill patients and their families throughout the countries of the world through various modalities including education through conferences and open access publications
- 1.3.2.** Sharing of education programs in critical care nursing through a single portal and links to member organizations with meeting alerts.
- 1.3.3.** To maintain and improve effective international co-operation between health professionals, institutions, agencies, healthcare industry and charities that have an interest in the care of critically ill patients.

1.4. Individual members:

In addition to the benefits identified in 3.1, Individual Members are accorded the right to use the post-nominal abbreviation MWFCN in their credentials to denote their membership.

2. Roles and responsibilities for WFCN Members

2.1. WFCN Member²

2.1.1. Eligibility for membership

- Any national critical care nursing organisation or national critical care organisation with a substantial (normally > 100) nurse membership.

2.1.2. Duration of membership

- Membership duration is for one financial year (01 July to 30 June) subject to payment of the annual membership fee
- Membership is renewable annually.

2.1.3. Member responsibilities

- Nominate a representative to serve on the WFCN Council³
 - the representative must be fluent in English
- Provide funding to enable the representative to attend the Annual General Meeting
- Contribute actively to the aims and objectives of WFCN
- In association with the WFCN Board of Directors⁴ to:
 - collaborate with WFCN activities
 - oversee governance and ethical responsibility of WFCN.

2.1.4. Representative responsibilities

- Attend, and vote as required, at the WFCN Annual General (Council) Meeting
 - Nominate a proxy if unable to attend the WFCN Annual General Meeting

² Please note, it is the national organisation that is the Member/Associate Member, not its representative

³ The Council is comprised of all WFCN members

⁴ The Board of Directors is elected by the Council

- Liaise between WFCCN Board and the Member organisation's governing body
- Respond, in a timely manner, to all WFCCN communications.

2.2. WFCCN Associate Member²

2.2.1. Eligibility for membership

- Any national critical care nursing organisation or national critical care organisation with a substantial (normally > 100) nurse membership.

2.2.2. Duration of membership

- Membership duration is for one financial year (01 July to 30 June) subject to payment of the annual membership fee⁵.
- Membership is renewable annually.

2.2.3. Associate Member responsibilities

- Nominate a representative to liaise with WFCCN
 - The representative should be fluent in English
- If able, to provide funding to enable the representative to attend the WFCCN Annual General (Council) Meeting
- Contribute actively to the aims and objectives of WFCCN
 - Collaborate with the WFCCN Council and Board to lead and direct the activities of WFCCN.

2.2.4. Representative responsibilities

- If able, to attend and contribute at the WFCCN Annual General (Council) Meeting.
- Liaise between WFCCN and the Associate Member organisation's governing body
- Respond, in a timely manner, to all WFCCN communications

2.3. WFCCN Individual Member

2.3.1. Eligibility for membership

- Any individual with an interest in promoting excellence in critical care nursing practice that is registered professionally as a nurse.

2.3.2. Duration of membership

- Membership duration is for one financial year (01 July to 30 June) subject to payment of the annual membership fee⁶.
- Membership is renewable annually.

2.3.3. Individual Member responsibilities

- If able, to attend the WFCCN Annual General Meeting (observer status)

⁵ Currently (2016) no fee is payable. This is reviewed annually.

⁶ Currently USD 20 (2017). This is reviewed annually.

- Contribute, as able, to the aims and objectives of WFCCN
- Collaborate, as able, with the WFCCN Council and Board to lead and direct the activities of WFCCN
- Respond, in a timely manner, to all WFCCN communications.