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National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition® San Diego | May 17-20

National Teaching and Critical Care Expo
Sunday, May 17th – Wednesday, May 20th, 2026
Anticipated Attendance: 9,000

Group Description

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is the largest specialty nursing organization in the world, dedicated to supporting acute and critical care nurses in their mission to improve patient care. Founded in 1969, AACN provides professional development, clinical resources, advocacy, and community for more than 130,000 members. Each year, AACN hosts the National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Expo, the premier educational event for progressive and critical care nurses.

Attendee Profile

The core audience consists of bedside nurses working in intensive care and progressive care units, along with advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists who play key roles in high-acuity patient care. In addition, nurse educators, nurse managers, and hospital leaders attend to gain insights into best practices, leadership strategies, and professional development opportunities. Beyond nursing roles, the expo also draws emergency department and transport nurses, as well as other interdisciplinary healthcare professionals interested in critical care advancements.

Off-Site Scheduled Events

Wednesday, May 20th | Nurses' Night Off at SeaWorld San Diego

Shuttle Information

Shuttles will be provided for the Nurses' Night Off event

Contact Information

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Guest Room Block

Participating Hotels	Peak Room Night
Total Peak Nights = 3,528	
Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp/Convention Center	35
Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay - Downtown	200
Hard Rock Hotel San Diego	250
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel	600
Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	125
Hotel Indigo - San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	110
Hotel Z	58
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego	650
Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	125
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina	600
Omni San Diego Hotel at the Ballpark	300
Pendry San Diego	75
Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter	75
San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter	150
The US Grant, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Diego	75
The Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	100

Schedule of Events

Date	Sun May 17	Mon May 18	Tue May 19	Wed May 20
*Attendee Open Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals
Convention Center Agenda	<p>7:00AM-5:00PM Registration – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-5:00PM Bookstore – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-5:00PM Certification Oasis – Resource Center</p> <p>8:00AM-5:00PM Preconferences</p> <p>4:00PM-5:15PM Navigating NTI 101</p>	<p>7:00AM-5:00PM Registration – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-5:00PM Bookstore – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-5:00PM Certification Oasis – Resource Center</p> <p>8:00AM-9:15AM Navigating NTI 101</p> <p>8:00AM-5:30PM Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>10:00AM-11:30AM SuperSession</p> <p>6:30PM-8:00PM President’s Reception <i>*Invitation only</i></p>	<p>7:00AM-8:30AM Sunrise Sessions <i>*Reservation required</i></p> <p>7:00AM-4:30PM Registration – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-4:30PM Bookstore – Resources Center</p> <p>7:00AM-4:30PM Certification Oasis – Resource Center</p> <p>7:30AM-5:30PM Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>10:15AM-4:00PM Critical Care Expo</p> <p>11:30AM-12:45PM AACN Community Forum</p>	<p>7:00AM-8:30AM Sunrise Sessions <i>*Reservation required</i></p> <p>7:00AM-4:00PM Registration – Resource Center</p> <p>7:00AM-4:00PM Bookstore – Resources Center</p> <p>7:00AM-4:00PM Certification Oasis – Resource Center</p> <p>7:30AM-5:30PM Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>9:00AM-10:15AM SuperSession</p> <p>10:15AM-3:00PM Critical Care Expo</p> <p>11:30AM-1:00PM Chapter Presidents’ Luncheon <i>*Invitation only</i></p> <p>7:00PM-9:30PM Nurses’ Night Off</p>

*[*Schedule is subject to change](#)*