



COLLEGE NEWS

The Australian College
of Emergency Nursing Limited

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The Australian College of Emergency Nursing (ACEN) welcomes you to the first edition of **College News**, an informative newsletter prepared by the newly established body. **College News** will be a quarterly publication designed to keep ACEN members abreast of current Emergency Nursing practices and developments, informing members of upcoming events of the College.

The College was first established in January 2000 as a result of an identified need for a professional body that would address and promote the educational and professional needs of Emergency Nurses across Australia.

The College formation represents an exciting new era for Emergency Nurses, providing the opportunity for Emergency Nursing to be recognised as a unique and discrete specialty.

The College formation also benefits the Australian public as the College strives for excellence in Emergency Nursing practice for the Australian Community.

The ACEN promotes professional recognition of Emergency Nursing at local, state, national and international levels through the established aims and objectives of the College.

Aims and Objectives

The major aims and objectives of the College are:

1. Promoting and maintaining a high standard of Emergency Health Care.
2. Furthering the professional standards for Emergency Nursing practice.
3. Maintaining and improving the educational and specialised practice of Emergency Nurses.
4. Active promotion and support of research in the field of Emergency Health Care.
5. Providing official representation for Emergency Nurses at local, state, national and international levels.

Representation

The ACEN provides professional representation for providers of Emergency Nursing:

- Representative on the International Faculty of Emergency Nurses Association (USA)
- Consultative body for:
 - Australian Disaster Medicine Group
 - Australian College of Emergency Medicine
 - Australasian College of Surgeons
 - Australian Defence Force

Website

The College has developed an informative website to promote its aims and objectives (www.acenl.org.au). The website also offers board member profiles, course details, and incorporates links within the site to other associated and/or affiliated bodies.

Board Member Profiles

Currently a National Advisory Board, comprised of 12 representatives selected by interview in March 2001, administers the College. Board appointments will be held for a 2 or 3-year term to allow staggered rotation of subsequent board members. The Board composition represents all facets of Australian Emergency Nursing.

Composition of the Board	EXECUTIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Director ▪ Director of Finance ▪ Director of Operations ▪ Director of Professional Issues
ACADEMIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Masters level education ▪ Current academic appointment in a tertiary institution with active involvement in Emergency Nursing programs 	MANAGER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Nurse Manager (or equivalent) of an Emergency Department ▪ Tertiary Management qualifications ▪ Emergency Nursing qualifications
CLINICAL NURSE EXPERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently employed as an Emergency Nurse Clinical expert in an Emergency Department, Area or Regional capacity ▪ Emergency Nursing qualifications ▪ Masters level of qualifications or working towards same 	NURSE EDUCATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently employed in an Emergency Department as either a Nurse Educator or Clinical Nurse Educator ▪ Emergency nursing qualifications from a recognised tertiary institute
RN – REMOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently working in the Emergency setting of a remote environment ▪ 3 years minimum experience in this environment 	RN - RURAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently working in the Emergency Department or equivalent of a rural Health Service ▪ 3 years minimum experience in this environment
RN - METROPOLITAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently working in the Emergency Department of a metropolitan hospital ▪ 3 years minimum experience in this environment 	RN - TERTIARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered Nurse ▪ Currently working in the Emergency Department of a tertiary institution, university or teaching hospital ▪ 3 years minimum experience in this environment

The ACEN Inaugural Advisory Board

(See College website www.acenl.org.au for profile information.)

<i>Executive Director:</i>	Liz Cloughessy
<i>Director of Finance:</i>	Linda Sims
<i>Director of Operations:</i>	Michael Tobin
<i>Director of Professional Issues:</i>	Valmai Martin
<i>Secretary:</i>	Michelle Dawson
<i>Academic:</i>	Deb Neyle
<i>Manager:</i>	Coral Choi
<i>Clinical Nurse Expert:</i>	JoAnne Timms
<i>Nurse Educator:</i>	Robin Tchernomoroff
<i>RN Remote:</i>	Greg Andrews
<i>RN Rural:</i>	Pamela Walmsley
<i>RN Metropolitan:</i>	Dale Whitley
<i>RN Tertiary:</i>	Rachael West

Memorial

VALE: Inaugural ACEN Board Member Michael Kierce

Sadly, Michael Kierce died suddenly on 1 June 2001. Michael was a lecturer in the Emergency Nursing stream of the Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Clinical Nursing at the University of Melbourne, and was the clinical teacher in the Emergency Department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Michael's enthusiasm for nursing, research and emergency care was always obvious in every aspect of his teaching and clinical work. Michael had a Master of Nursing degree, a Bachelor of Health Science, a Graduate Diploma in Critical Care Nursing and a Critical Care (Emergency) Certificate, and brought a breadth of knowledge and experience to his appointment to the Board. In his short time as a Board member at ACEN, his enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism was apparent to all, and his contribution was valuable.

Michael is very much missed by his family, friends, colleagues and students.

Membership

Membership of the College is open to all nurses subscribing to the aims and objectives of the College. A **Membership Form** can be found on the College website www.acenl.org.au.

Member - Any RN	\$95 plus \$9.50 GST	\$104.50
Associate Member - Any non RN (no voting rites)	\$65 plus \$6.50 GST	\$71.50
Affiliate Membership: Companies, Organisations (no voting rites)	\$250 plus \$25 GST	\$275.00
Initial Joining Fee \$15 – payable first year only	<i>This fee is waived for applicants who are currently TNCC, ENPC or CATN certified.</i>	\$15

Affiliate Membership

Shall be open to individuals, organisations or professional bodies with an interest in the support and development of Emergency Nursing practice.

Functions of the College

EDUCATION

- ❖ The ACEN promotes the introduction, development, maintenance and recognition of specialist emergency nursing education. The ACEN believes that access to this education should be extended to all nurses providing Emergency Care.
- ❖ The Australian College of Emergency Nursing has acquired the sole distribution rights to three internationally recognised education programs, as developed by the Emergency Nurses Association (USA). The courses currently offered include the Trauma Nursing Core Course,

Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing, and Emergency Nurses Paediatric Course. The College plans to expand the number of courses offered to broaden the educational focus and continue to best meet the national needs of Emergency Nurses.

- ❖ The conduct of the courses facilitates active networking and the ability to identify Emergency Nursing issues and act as a valuable resource.

Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC)

The provider course offers competency level trauma knowledge and psychomotor skills associated with the delivery of professional nursing care to the trauma patient.

Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing (CATN)

Advanced trauma nursing is based on physiologic principles and human responses to injury. The nurse applies the critical decision making process to optimally impact the outcome of critically injured patients.

The purpose of this course is to teach physiologic concepts, which strengthen the critical decision making skills of nurses who care for injured patients. To assure the most comprehensive approach, information is also presented encompassing trauma system development, ethical dilemmas, trauma team collaboration and interpersonal relationships, and the application of science to nursing practice.

Emergency Nursing Paediatric Course (ENPC)

The provider course offers competency level paediatric knowledge and psychomotor skills associated with the delivery of professional nursing care to the paediatric patient.

Pat Barnwell Memorial Scholarship

The College is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships for their educational programs – TNCC, ENPC, and CATN (course fee only). Application criteria can be found on the College website.

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By supporting the Australian College of Emergency Nursing you will be demonstrating your interest and commitment to Emergency Nursing.

ACEN looks forward to a prosperous and productive year in 2002.