

## APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP of ACORN

### Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for admission to the membership category of Fellow the member must meet the following conditions.

- Be registered with AHPRA (Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia);
- Be a current financial member of ACORN through membership of their individual State or Territory Local Association; and
- Have appropriate postgraduate (or equivalent) qualifications in perioperative nursing or affiliated disciplines of nursing or health.

***Applications from individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be considered.***

### Selection criteria

Applicants will be selected for the membership category of Fellow based on the following criteria that provide evidence of contributing to perioperative nursing.

#### Essential

- A demonstrated commitment to the vision and values of ACORN;
- Demonstrated active participation in ACORN, Local Associations and other national or state bodies or committees;
- Peer acknowledgment of the applicants high standards of professional practice;
- Demonstrated active promotion of the ACORN membership and the activities of the College;
- Evidence of publications and/or presentations that have contributed to perioperative and nursing knowledge;
- Demonstrated contribution to an ACORN standards review

#### Desirable

- Demonstrated a contribution to the advancement of perioperative nursing on a professional, clinical or educational level;
- Demonstrated to be an ambassador of perioperative nursing issues;
- Served on a national and or international committee;
- Contributed to perioperative nursing as an expert consultant or representative of perioperative nursing at international, national and state forums;
- Demonstrated participation in submissions to governments regarding perioperative nursing issues.

### Supporting evidence

The following supporting evidence is to be provided

- Curriculum Vitae (see template attached).
- Copy of registration with AHPRA (Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia).
- Copy of current membership documentation with Local Association.
- A statement that outlines the importance of the Fellowship to the applicant.
- A statement that specifically addresses each of the essential criteria for admission, and where applicable the desirable criteria.
- Completed referee forms from two Fellows/Members of the College supporting the application for Fellowship. Referees statements must support and confirm evidence of contributing to perioperative nursing as outlined in the selection criteria.

***Applications from individuals who do not supply the supporting evidence will not be considered.***

## Sunrise Clause

Members who wish to become Fellows must have a referee report from two Fellows of the College. Due to low numbers of Fellows initially in each state or territory where there are no ACORN Fellows available, referees may include ACORN members.

## Entitlements of Fellows

Fellows (financial) of ACORN shall be entitled to:

- Be known as a Fellow of the Australian College of Operating Room Nurses;
- Use the post nominal FACORN;
- Be presented with the ACORN Fellowship certificate by the President;
- Display the certificate of ACORN Fellowship;
- Purchase, be presented with (by the President) and wear the Fellow regalia;
- Purchase, be presented with (by the President) and wear the ACORN Fellowship Badge;
- Be presented as a new Fellow of the College at the biennial conferring ceremony; and
- Be eligible to be a member of the Censor's Panel.

## Termination of Fellowship

Termination of the status of a Fellow will occur under the following circumstances.

If the Fellow:

- Becomes an unfinancial member of their local association;
- Brings disrepute upon ACORN or perioperative nursing
- Fails to pay the annual Fellowship fee;
- Has her or his state nursing registration cancelled, and/or
- Is convicted of a criminal offence.

## Application process

Application forms can be downloaded from the membership section of the ACORN web site: [www.acorn.org.au](http://www.acorn.org.au).

Applications must be received by the Secretariat by the 30 May or 30 November each year to be eligible to be assessed, admitted and announced at the following AGM.

Those admitted to Fellowship are eligible to have their Fellowship conferred at the biennial ceremony held at the national conference.

## Curriculum Vitae template

### Personal details

Name

Address

Phone/email contact details (*home and work*)

### Qualifications (*nursing*)

### Present position

### Professional membership (*nursing*)

### Employment history (*current back to registration*)

Position (*current first to those in current area of work e.g. education*)

Dates

Principle accountabilities

Achievements

Position (*those previous to current area of work*)

Dates

Publications

Presentations

Professional development (*conference, study attendance, development of short courses etc*)

Referees (*nursing; minimum of 2*)