

## University of Florida Chapter of IACRN

### Strategic Plan

As professional associations and local chapters are the corner stones for professional development for all individuals, it is the goal that by creating the University of Florida Chapter of IACRN that we will be promoting professional development for all research nurses at our institution. While the North Florida Chapter for ACRP already considers the University of Florida its home, we feel that we also need to start a chapter of the IACRN here. With its purpose to not only cultivate the research professionals but to be an advocate for our research nurses and support their development and training while staying in line with the newly published Scope and Standards. We believe a chapter at the University of Florida would thrive, as it is such a research rich community, thus, it is our intent to form a chapter.

### University of Florida Chapter of IACRN Mission Statement

To bring together all practicing Clinical Research Nurses within the clinical nursing community who directly or indirectly impact the care of research participants. To educate and share resources while keeping in line with the published Clinical Research Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice.

To collaborate and keep a parallel mission with the ACRP North Central Florida Chapter to promote competency certifications and cross-functional training and development opportunities for clinical research nurses at UF who are also helping to educate other nurses about the published Clinical Research Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice that are being adopted worldwide.

### University of Florida Chapter of IACRN Objectives

The objectives for members of the chapter are:

1. Become familiar with the published Clinical Research Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice .
2. Act as advocates for professional development opportunities for the clinical research nursing community.
3. Promote chapter membership and certification for all working research nurses at the University of Florida.

### Officers

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### **Sample Chapter Meeting Announcement – to be held approximately quarterly**

#### **Exploring Chapter Interest: Meeting #1:**

Please join us for the first official meeting of the **University of Florida chapter of the International Association of Clinical Research Nursing**. (See flyer attached)

AGENDA: We will be discussing the foundation of a Florida chapter and the purpose and direction it will take. Our guest speaker will be Amy Sbrolla, President of the Boston Chapter of the IACRN. She will join us via webcast to answer questions about the organization and starting a chapter.

IACRN is the only global organization dedicated to supporting clinical research nurses. Its purpose is to define, validate and advance clinical research nursing as a specialty practice and to support the professional development of nurses who directly or indirectly impact the care of clinical research participants.

**February 21st, 2017, 4 to 5 p.m.**

Clinical and Translational Science Building  
2nd Floor Conference Room #2162

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## Meeting #2:

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend yesterday's meeting for coming out and participating. If you were unable to make it, we missed you and understand, but still hope you will contribute in whatever way you can in the future. If there are other nurses you know who are engaged in research however known please share our efforts.

The overwhelming consensus was – yes, this is worthy of our attention and we should cultivate formal engagement with IACRN via establishing a local chapter here at UF representing the state of Florida.

Aligned with the IACRN vision of “*Enhancing clinical research quality and safety through specialized nursing practice*” as a local chapter, we will ground our efforts in:

1. **Promoting Clinical Research Nursing as a Specialty Practice** across All Practice Levels and Research Settings
2. **Disseminate “Scope and Standards of Practice for Clinical Research Nursing.”**
3. Support the establishment of an evidence base for practice through research and publication opportunities.
4. **Identify path to and process of certification.**
5. Heighten awareness of the specialty practice with research volunteers and the public.
6. Collaborate with the CTSI to Support the Professional Development of Clinical Research Nurses
7. Provide local, national and international continuing education opportunities for CRNs.
8. Develop and disseminate a standardized clinical research nursing training curriculum to support core competencies.
9. Create mentorship opportunities for professional development and future organizational leadership.
10. Engage with UF nursing school to heighten awareness and inclusion of the CRN role competencies in nursing education.

## Next Steps:

1. Mark your calendars for a Chapter Planning Meeting – Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 4 PM (**Room to be determined**)
  - a. Appoint Chapter Officers
    - i. Please step up here and/or nominate someone else who wants to make a difference.
    - ii. Set course and plan direction
    - iii. Establish meeting schedule and agenda for 2017
2. To participate in a local chapter you need to be a member of IACRN (<http://iacrn.memberlodge.org/join>)
  - a. There was discussion about asking for departmental support for this and Teresa had some suggestions on facilitating
  - b. There is an [ACRP Tool Kit](#), which can be adapted to request support. This could be a shared activity to template.
3. Draft the purpose of statement that highlights:
  - a. Objectives
  - b. Plan to get started
  - c. Strategy to get more CRN registered with IACRN and become also members of your chapter
  - d. Develop business plan as to how the group plan to run the chapter (optional)
  - e. Plan for educational activities and any other activities pertinent to improve the practice of clinical research nursing and benefits clinical research nurses.
4. Fill out the application that you will find in the chapter guide
  - a. Send it to CGC to be reviewed before submitting it to the board.

**Membership and Dues:**

1. IACRN (parent association) annual active membership due currently \$100.00
2. University of Florida Chapter of IACRN – annual active membership dues \$25.00
3. University of Florida Chapter of IACRN - members must also be a member of the IACRN parent organization. The University of Florida chapter treasurer will check the parent association membership at the time they join the University of Florida Chapter and at the time of their yearly renewal with the University of Florida Chapter.
4. Potential University of Florida Chapter members may attend two meetings without paying dues to the IACRN parent association or the Boston Chapter. However, after potential members attend two meetings, they will be asked to make a decision on joining. Guest who are present at meetings will not have voting privileges unless they are an active member of both the IACRN parent association and the University of Florida Chapter of IACRN.

**Payment of Dues:**

To be determined at 6mos post Chapter approval.

**Starter Expense Spreadsheet:**

To be developed at time of Chapter approval.