



Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

FELLOWSHIP PRE-APPLICATION SELF-ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

This worksheet is designed to assist you in assessing your professional contributions to perioperative nursing as you consider applying for Fellowship in the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). It will serve as a guide to document your impact (in enhancement, promotion, clinical practice, administration, education, research and/or volunteerism) so that you can best determine the focus of your application. Should you decide to move forward with applying for Fellowship, it will be important to share this assessment with your identified sponsors. Your two sponsors, one a fellow of AORN in good standing (for the inaugural year this should be a member in good standing who is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) or AORN Award for Excellence winner), and the other a facility leader will be able to better support you in this process having considered your answers to the questions below. Please note, the Self-Assessment Worksheet is **not required** to complete. It serves as a tool for you as you prepare for the application process.

- A. Before you begin, please start by reviewing the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Fellowship Criteria:
 - Hold an unrestricted and active license to practice registered nursing
 - Have a minimum of five (5) years of perioperative nursing experience
 - Be an active member of AORN in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years
 - Hold a master's degree or higher
 - Hold a nationally recognized current or emeritus status certification in perioperative nursing or a perioperative specialty
 - Demonstrate commitment to the vision and values of AORN
 - Have made significant contributions to the activities of the Association and the advancement of perioperative nursing in the areas of clinical practice, administration, education and/or research.
- B. Review of your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to make sure education, work history and all contributions such as (professional association activity, scholarship and awards, podium and poster presentations, publications, and evidence-based practice projects/research) are clearly articulated.
- C. Specific evidence of outstanding contributions to perioperative nursing at the regional/state, national or international level will allow for your sponsors and ultimately the fellowship selection committee to understand your personal contributions. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to documentation of the following:
 - Consistent outstanding contributions to AORN or perioperative nursing over time.
 - Contributions with significant, measurable impact.
 - Dissemination of important information about the contributions.
 - Adoption of your evidence-based practice/research findings and/or innovations that guide changes in clinical practice, administration, education, and research.

- D. By answering the questions below, you will have the opportunity to assess your impact and hone your responses to the application questions. The questions on the application require succinct and purposeful responses, with character limits of 2500 (roughly 400- 500 words).
1. Describe how your contributions to the Association demonstrate your commitment to the vision and values of AORN.
 2. Describe your contributions to the activities of AORN through your active participation in committees, task forces, chapters, and other work.
 3. Describe your significant contributions to the advancement of perioperative nursing at the local, state, regional and/or national level in one or more of the following categories:
 - Enhancement - Applicant has made contributions enhancing the Association through active participation in AORN.
 - Promotion - Applicant has actively promoted AORN membership and the activities of the Association.
 - Clinical - Applicant has made contributions to the advancement of perioperative nursing clinical practice.
 - Leadership - Applicant has made contributions to the advancement of perioperative nursing leadership.
 - Education - Applicant has made contributions to the advancement of perioperative education.
 - Research/evidence-based practice - Applicant has made contributions to the advancement of perioperative nursing in Research/EBP.
 - Volunteerism - Applicant has demonstrated volunteerism in healthcare venues.
- E. In addition to the online application form, two letters of recommendation, one by an AORN member who is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) or AORN Award for Excellence winner, and the second by a facility leader, must be submitted within your application:
- [Sponsor's letter of recommendation](#) verifies and amplifies the applicant's commitment to the vision and values of AORN.
 - [Facility leader letter of recommendation](#) verifies and amplifies the applicant's strengths in perioperative nursing.