Research Committee

What does the Research Committee do?

- Promotes the development of research and evidence-based nephrology nursing practice that facilitates the use of evidence and research findings in practice.
- Coordinates the solicitation and selection of recipients of research awards and grants.
- Addresses issues that affect nephrology nursing research by developing position statements or guidelines.
- Represents ANNA and serves as a resource to other professional and health policy groups when issues related to nephrology nursing research are concerned.

Are there specific qualifications to be on the committee?

Qualifications:

- Full Member of ANNA for one (1) year.
- Completed at least a master’s degree in nursing or a related field. If the member is enrolled in an MSN/DNP or MSN/PhD program that confers both degrees at the same time, the member will be eligible to serve as the Chairperson if the credits equal to the number required for the master’s degree have been completed.
- Completed course work in research theory and methodology during graduate education (master’s or doctoral program).
- Participated in a research project in the capacity of principal investigator, co-principal investigator, collaborator, or research assistant.

Additional knowledge and skills include:

- Experience and/or a sound knowledge base in several nephrology nursing subspecialties or demonstrated expertise in a single nephrology nursing subspecialty.
- Demonstrates ability to communicate effectively and timely.

How long is the commitment for this role?

Members are appointed to the committee for two consecutive years with an optional reappointment of one or two years.

How/when does the committee meet?

The committee meets via scheduled conference calls once a month in the evening.

What are the expectations of a committee member?

- Assists in planning/implementation of action plan, strategic plan review, and suggestions for revision.
- Completes projects according to the established timetable by the Chairperson.
- Reviews research abstracts.
- Assists in planning/implementation of committee activities, e.g., education offerings, action plan, strategic plan review, and suggestions for revision.
- Attends pre-scheduled conference calls or discusses ability to continue as effective member with Chairperson.

How much time, in general, is spent on committee work each month?

- 2-4 hours per month.