

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### CHICA-CANADA REPRESENTATIVE TO CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (CNA)

CHICA-Canada is an Associate Member of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA). A CNA Associate Member is any group constituted in Canada that has a majority of regulated nursing personnel and whose application for membership has been approved by the CNA. At time of print, CHICA-Canada membership includes 71% nurses, of which more than 50% are individual CNA members or members of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. Quebec nurses are not members of the CNA unless they are also members in another jurisdiction. A listing of CNA Associate members can be found at [http://www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/about/members/associate/default\\_e.aspx](http://www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/about/members/associate/default_e.aspx)

The role of an Associate Member is to provide input regarding nursing and health care. Position statements are sent out for consultation by Associate members. There are regular teleconferences with the Associate Member/Affiliate Member/Emerging Groups (A/A/EG) and the CNA President or designate. The next teleconference is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon ET (to be confirmed). Twice a year, there is input into an environmental scan that surveys issue trends and changes. These become a policy priority for board discussion. Every two years there is a face-to-face networking meeting. The next is scheduled for June 2012 (Vancouver, information to be provided at a later date). Associate members are invited to the AGM but have no vote at this meeting.

CHICA-Canada is seeking a representative to the Associate Member group of CNA for a three-year renewable term effective August 1, 2011 (limit of two terms). This position reports to the CHICA-Canada Board through the Executive Director, who also has a seat at the A/A/EG table. This is a volunteer position. Support for attendance at the biannual meeting (June 2012) will be discussed with CNA by CHICA-Canada.

#### APPLICATION

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:

- Must be a current (2011) member of CHICA-Canada, having held membership for at least 5 years;
- Must be a Registered Nurse with membership in the Canadian Nurses Association or the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario;
- Must have a Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC);
- Must have a minimum of 8 years' experience in nursing including a minimum of 5 years' experience in Infection Prevention and Control;
- Must be able to attend conference calls and in-person meetings as required;
- Must have the time and commitment to review proposed projects, determine priorities, and approve resources to accomplish the desired results;
- Must have the time and commitment to participate in all activities CHICA and the CNA actively endorse;
- Must have the time, commitment and support of their facility to serve CHICA-Canada and CNA through this position.

#### APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position, demonstrating suitability for the position, and addressing all the foregoing requirements;
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to Infection Prevention and Control experience, nursing experience, education, and CHICA-Canada involvement such as service as a CHICA-Canada Board Member, as a chapter executive, or active participation on a CHICA-Canada Standing Committee, Interest Group, or working group;
- A letter from employer acknowledging the candidate's qualifications for the position and ensuring the employer's support for this volunteer position.

Applications must be received no later than **July 8, 2011**.

Applications must be forwarded by email to [chicacanada@mts.net](mailto:chicacanada@mts.net) or [chicacanada@mymts.net](mailto:chicacanada@mymts.net)

For additional information, contact the CHICA-Canada Executive Director at [chicacanada@mts.net](mailto:chicacanada@mts.net) or 1-866-999-7111.