

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### 2013 ACEN Standards and Criteria Reminder

The **2013 ACEN Standards and Criteria** became effective on January 1, 2014, and all ACEN-accredited nursing programs must be in compliance with the 2013 Accreditation Standards at this time. As a reminder, all programs being reviewed in the Spring 2014 Cycle or later must utilize the 2013 ACEN Standards and Criteria in their Self-Study Reports and Follow-Up Reports. You are also encouraged to discard any remaining paper versions of the ACEN Accreditation Standards and the Accreditation Manual; **the online version always includes the most current ACEN Standards, Policies, and general information.**

### Program Evaluator Forum

More than 80 candidates have been selected to attend the 2014 Program Evaluator Forum in Atlanta on February 21-22. The ACEN is now accepting applications for the 2015 Program Evaluator Forum, which will be held in Atlanta in February 2015. Those interested in serving in this meaningful role should submit a signed letter of interest, a current CV or resume, and at least two (2) letters of recommendation to the ACEN offices. Applications must be received by July 1, 2014, to be considered for the 2015 Forum.

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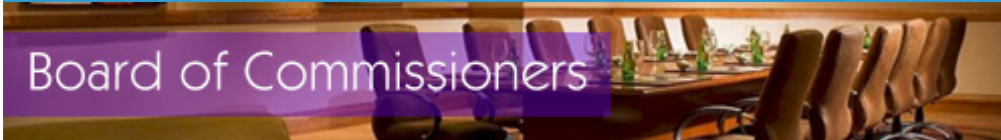
### ACEN SELF-STUDY FORUMS



the 2014 Forums is very strong, and while the Spring 2014 Forums have filled, we are pleased to announce that [registration for the Fall 2014 Self-Study Forum on October 27-28 in Orlando](#) has opened. Please visit us online for more information about the Fall Forum at [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org).

The ACEN would like to thank the more than 1,200 of you who attended the ACEN Self-Study Forums in 2013. The ACEN professional staff appreciate the opportunity to meet and assist representatives from accredited programs and those in the Candidacy process. The valuable feedback that we received will ensure that the 2014 Self-Study Forums continue to meet the needs of the attendees. Interest in

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ACEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The ACEN is seeking nominations for open positions on the Board of Commissioners and the Nominating Committee. The following positions will appear on the 2014 election ballot:

- Three (3) educators representing all program types
- One (1) nurse administrator/representative from nursing service
- One (1) member of the ACEN Nominating Committee
- One (1) member of the public

We encourage you to nominate a colleague or yourself for one of these important positions. More information about the Board and Committee vacancies, the nomination process, and the application materials that are required is available on the [ACEN website](#). Nominations are due to the ACEN office by February 28, 2014. We hope you will consider serving in one of these essential roles in support of nursing education programs.

### INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The ACEN's innovative and exciting work to extend accreditation to international nursing programs continued in 2013 with a consultative visit for the Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, Oman, in November. An experienced program evaluator and a member of the ACEN professional staff traveled to the University to assess the baccalaureate nursing program's readiness to become an ACEN Candidate and host an onsite review for initial accreditation. Sultan Qaboos University seeks to join King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as an international Candidate for ACEN accreditation. King Abdulaziz University will host an onsite review for initial accreditation in the Spring 2014 Cycle. We are also working with several international nursing programs in the ACEN accreditation process, including programs in Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago, and Bermuda. The ACEN is seeking experienced program evaluators who are interested in conducting international site visits and promoting quality nursing education through the accreditation process with our international colleagues. [Please visit the ACEN website for more information on international accreditation.](#)

