

Elizabeth Bridges, President of American Association of Critical Care Nurses

Elizabeth Bridges, PhD, RN, CCNS, FCCM, FAAN, is professor, biobehavioral nursing and health systems, at University of Washington School of Nursing, Seattle, and clinical nurse researcher at University of Washington Medical Center. In October 2014, she retired with the rank of colonel after 30 years of service in the USAF Nurse Corps. Bridges' professional research focuses on two areas: care of patients during long-distance military aeromedical evacuation and the integration of hemodynamics in the care of critically ill patients.

She served as the president of AACN for a one year term, July 1 2020 through June 30 2021. Additional affiliations include fellowship in the Society of Critical Care Medicine and American Academy of Nursing and membership in Sigma Theta Tau.

Her many honors include AACN Distinguished Research Lecturer (2015), AACN Flame of Excellence Award (2011) and AACN Certification Corporation Special Contributor Award (1999). She also received the Legion of Merit from the U.S. Air Force.

Bridges earned a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Nursing with a critical care nursing focus from University of Washington, Seattle, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oregon Health & Science University, Portland