

## **NADONA/LTC Announces the New Fellows of the Academy of Certified Directors of Nursing Administration**

June 7, 2015, Cincinnati, Ohio—The National Association Directors of Nursing Administration in Long-Term Care (NADONA/LTC) announced at their National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, those directors of nursing that were inducted as Fellows into the Academy of Certified Directors of Nursing Administration.

As Fellows in the Academy of Fellows, the title, FACDONA (Fellow of the Academy of Certified Directors of Nursing Administration) may be used following their credentials. To obtain Fellowship, the following criteria must be met:

1. Be a registered professional nurse
2. Be a current member of NADONA/LTC for two years
3. Achieved certification through NADONA/LTC as a certified DON in LTC
4. Must be actively involved in state and local NADONA chapter (e.g. officer, Committee Chair or member)
5. Demonstrate contribution to community through non-profit organizations outside place of employment and NADONA/LTC
6. Submit two professional references
7. Must complete Academy Bio-form

Those certified nurses who were honored by being inducted into the academy of fellows are:

***Cassie Faircloth- RN, CDONA, FACDONA***

***Dr. J. Hudson Garrett- Ph.D., MSN, MPH, FNP, CSRN, VA-BC™, DON-CLTC™, C-NAC™, PLNC, FACDONA***

***Linda Sue Patron RN, BC, CALA, CDONA, FACDONA***

***Gwen Stewart RN, BSN, CDONA, FACDONA***

***Denise Wald, RN, BSN, NHA, CDP, CDONA, FACDONA***

The purpose of the NADONA/LTC Fellows is to:

- Recognize superior achievement and dedication to long term care
- Recognize the development of leadership qualities
- Foster and support high professional standards
- Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession and association

The Fellows Resolution reads as:

WHEREAS, The National Directors of Nursing Administration/Long Term Care Academy of Fellows was established to serve as the forum for educational guidance, mentoring and provision to Nursing Administrators in the Long Term Care Continuum, who have achieved certification; and

WHEREAS, Fellows have been at the minimum, two year current members of NADONA/LTC, who have achieved certification through NADONA/LTC, who are actively involved in state or local NADONA chapters, who contribute to the community through non-profit organizations outside their place of employment and NADONA/LTC; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Academy of Fellows was designed to recognize superior achievement and dedication to the long-term care profession, to recognize the development of leadership qualities and

skills, to foster and support high professional standards, and to strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession and association through regional and national projects such as a speakers bureau, a review of the certification process, and the establishment of Master Trainers. BE IT RESOLVED that on this 7th day of June 2015 at the 28th Annual NADONA/LTC Conference in Atlanta Georgia, the title of "Fellow" be awarded to you, and from this day forward the credentials of "FACDONA" may be added to your already established credentials. And be it further resolved that you are now an official member of the NADONA/LTC Academy of Fellows. On behalf of the NADONA/LTC Board of Directors, Congratulations!

### **About NADONA/LTC**

NADONA/LTC has been the leading advocate and educational organization for DONs, ADONs and nurses in long-term care since 1986. With 35+ state chapters, it continues to be the largest organization representing nurses working in long-term care/post-acute care settings. NADONA/LTC offers a wide array of services to its members, including educational materials; conferences; scholarships; Certification exams for Director of Nursing, Licensed Practical Nurse, Diabetic Geriatric Nurse, Infection Preventionist-Board Certified, and Assisted Living certification programs; a mentoring program; and a quarterly journal, *The Director*. Through its publications and programs, NADONA/LTC reaches approximately 20,000 nurses who are employed in long-term care.

For more information regarding NADONA/LTC, please contact their offices at 800-222-0539 or visit their website at [www.nadona.org](http://www.nadona.org).