

Grant Report

British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) 40th Annual Conference

7-8 October 2025

I am very grateful for having received a grant from the BACCN that enabled me to attend this year's annual conference in Blackpool. Without the grant, I do not think I would have considered attending as the distance from London to Blackpool meant a significant travel and accommodation cost to cover.

I attended the conference as a presenter on both days. On Day 1, I shared the findings of my project titled "Artificial Intelligence in Critical Care: Perceptions of the Multidisciplinary Team". This project examined the perceptions of healthcare professionals regarding the use of AI-enabled programmes as tools to help in clinical decision-making at the bedside. Speaking in front of a crowded room, it was a very engaging experience as my presentation has sparked several questions from the audience. As a supporter of AI, I am very satisfied by the amount of interest my presentation has generated, and I hope that participants have taken note of the value of AI and how it can be introduced and adopted by healthcare professionals in their workplaces.

On Day 2, I shared the findings of a project I carried out with a colleague titled "Research Confidence of Critical Care Nurses - A Mixed Methods Preliminary Study". The project aimed to measure the level of confidence of critical care nurses in research-related activities post-completion of national specialist critical care postgraduate programmes, and identify barriers and facilitators that can improve their levels of research engagement. I believe I was able to highlight an important topic that links well to developing the interest and engagement of critical care nurses in research activities.

The rest of the conference was a stellar experience. The keynote sessions and workshops were very interesting and enlightening, especially in breaking the silence within critical care nursing and the exploration of AI utilisation. Moreover, there were interesting poster presentations on display and the conference offered an excellent venue for networking with like-minded individuals who share my passion in research.

Overall, it was a huge learning experience. Kudos to BACCN for providing grants that promote access to academic conferences. Again, many thanks for this fabulous opportunity.