



ANCC

AMERICAN NURSES  
CREDENTIALING CENTER

ANCC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

# ANCC Content Expert Panels

Make a difference in the nursing profession by becoming a Content Expert Panel member.

Participate in test development activities of national nursing certification exams.

Visit [www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)  
for more information. >>

## What Is ANCC?

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the nation's largest nursing credentialing organization, and provides professional certification of nurses who have proven themselves through education, experience, knowledge, testing, and professional conduct. ANCC offers a wide range of nursing certification examinations, including those for nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and other specialty areas. Examinations are offered nationwide and are designed to objectively assess competency in nursing specialties. More than a quarter of a million nurses have been certified by ANCC since 1990. More than 80,000 advanced practice nurses are currently certified by ANCC.

## Content Expert Panel (CEP)

ANCC is recruiting certified nursing professionals just like you to serve an important volunteer role in certification test development. Content Expert Panel members assist ANCC staff in the development of ANCC examinations by participating in role delineation studies (practice analyses); test content outline development; and the evaluation, revision, and approval of examination items. The CEPs also assist ANCC in promoting certification examinations at national conferences. Test development or test review experience is helpful but not necessary.

## CEP Candidate Selection

Selection criteria classifications include experience in current and former positions, educational levels, practice settings, geographic locations, and other relevant categories. Candidates are first considered for panel membership based on specific eligibility criteria and then — once deemed eligible — are selected with the goal of achieving the broadest representation possible on the panel. This ensures a diversity of professional expertise, educational backgrounds, and personal experiences and perspectives, which translates to a well-rounded panel and ultimately a psychometrically sound and legally defensible certification examination. ANCC certification and current practice within the specialty are prerequisites to joining a panel.

## What Is Involved?

CEP members are expected to serve a four-year term. CEPs hold two or three face-to-face meetings per year. Travel and lodging are provided at ANCC's expense. Each meeting lasts two to three days and is held on weekdays at the ANA/ANCC headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. Participation in conference calls and review of materials between meetings may occasionally be required. Members are notified of meetings at least three months in advance. Full participation at all meetings is required as it is critical to the success of the certification program.



## Benefits

Membership on a CEP provides for opportunities to network with colleagues from diverse backgrounds and to share professional experiences. CEP volunteers are awarded a reduction in the number of continuing nursing education contact hours required on their next certification renewal.

## How to Join the CEP

To join a Content Expert Panel, please send an e-mail to request application materials to **ANCCVolunteer@ana.org** or send a request via postal mail to:

American Nurses Credentialing Center  
Attention: Volunteer Liaison  
8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3492

Application materials are also available at **[www.nursecredentialing.org/cert/CEPs.html](http://www.nursecredentialing.org/cert/CEPs.html)**.

## Questions

If you have questions about becoming a Content Expert Panel member, please call 800.284.2378, x5260, or send an e-mail message to **ANCCVolunteer@ana.org**.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program® and the Pathway to Excellence® Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs.

The American Nurses Association Center for Continuing Education and Professional Development is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

ANCC Provider Number 0023

ANA is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 6178.

The ANA Center for Continuing Education and Professional Development includes ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation.

© 2010 American Nurses Credentialing Center.  
All Rights Reserved.



The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification for professional services rendered in the administration of the Magnet Recognition Program® and the Pathway to Excellence® Program for excellence in healthcare organizations, the Certification Program for professional excellence of nurses, and the Accreditation Program for excellence in continuing nursing education. ISO 9001:2008 certification is the firmly established global standard for assuring stakeholders of an organization's ability to satisfy quality-related requirements.



8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3492

1.800.284.2378  
301.628.5000 *tel*  
301.628.5004 *fax*

[www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)

CEPBRO10 3M 04/10