Showcase Your Expertise Through Certification

Trusted and respected for its commitment to quality, ANCC’s Certification Program is nationally accredited and a true gauge of a nurse’s ability to provide excellent care. Our certification exams incorporate the latest national nursing practice standards, focusing on the skills you need to succeed—and to take charge of your professional journey.

ANCC-certified nurses are regarded as experts in their specialties by their colleagues and employers. Join some of the most highly qualified nurses in the world by earning your certification through ANCC, which contributes to your professional growth and your job satisfaction.
Earn Confidence and Respect Through Our Top-Tier Standards

ANCC certification is based on peer-reviewed research, and we work with top field experts to ensure that our targeted exams reflect the best in clinical practice.

Certification empowers nurses:

- ANCC certification not only has proven validity, but also is deeply relevant to your daily practice and helps enhance your knowledge base as you grow your career.
- When you are ANCC-certified, employers and colleagues know you have passed a demanding exam that ties closely to your specialty and was developed by a world-renowned credentialing organization.

ANCC's certification exams test what matters. Expert nurse volunteers use real-world experience to develop tests that validate your knowledge, demonstrate your proficiency, and provide a true gauge of your ability to provide a specialized level of care. Most of our certification programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. As with ANCC’s other credentialing programs, the Certification Program falls under our ISO 9001:2008 certification; ANCC is the only nurse credentialing organization to receive this prestigious credential.

Certifying Your Knowledge on Your Schedule

At ANCC, we know that both the quality of certification exams and their convenience are important to you. Our certification exams fit into your busy schedule; you can apply all year and test during a 90-day window at a variety of locations. ANCC’s certification testing is also computer-based, so your scores are available instantly and you know immediately if you’ve passed.

Through the renewal process, you can demonstrate your commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement. You can apply for renewal online and record your achievements throughout the renewal cycle. Your achievement log will reflect your growth as a nurse and serve as a database where you can access and update records as you continue on your journey of excellence. When renewal is due, all your professional milestones are available in your account for your convenience.
Earn Certification in a Variety of Areas and Specialties

ANCC offers certification exams in several specialty and advanced categories:

- **Specialty Nurses** can achieve certification in 14 areas. Upon passing the exam, specialty nurses are awarded a Registered Nurse-Board Certified credential.

- **Advanced Practice Registered Nurses** (APRNs) have completed extensive postgraduate education. You can be certified as a clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner after passing a certification exam in your role and population-specific area.

### SPECIALTIES
- Ambulatory Care Nursing
- Cardiac-Vascular Nursing
- Forensic Nursing—Advanced
- Gerontological Nursing
- Informatics Nursing
- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Nurse Executive
- Nurse Executive—Advanced
- Nursing Case Management
- Nursing Professional Development
- Pain Management Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing
- Public Health Nursing—Advanced

### NURSE PRACTITIONERS
- Acute Care NP
- Adult NP
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (2013)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (2013)
- Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health NP
- Family NP
- Family Psychiatric-Mental Health NP*
- Gerontological NP
- Pediatric NP*

### CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS
- Adult Health CNS
- Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS
- Child/Adolescent Psychiatric-Mental Health CNS
- Gerontological CNS
- Pediatric CNS

### COMING SOON
- Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (2014)
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (2013)*
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (2013)*

*The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Family Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certifications will change in name only in 2013, to Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, respectively.

### RETIRED CERTIFICATIONS
( Renewals only; no longer accepting new applicants)
- Cardiac Rehabilitation Nursing
- Certified Vascular Nurse
- College Health Nursing
- Community Health Nursing
- Diabetes Management—Advanced
- General Nursing Practice
- High-Risk Perinatal Nursing
- Home Health Nursing
- Perinatal Nursing
- Public/Community Health CNS
- School Nursing
- School Nurse Practitioner

Each certification has a unique set of eligibility criteria; please check [http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification.aspx](http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification.aspx) for the most up-to-date resources and standards for your specialty.
Explore Opportunities for Individual Credentialing

ANCC provides two additional programs to help qualified professionals earn credentials:

Certification Through Portfolio
ANCC’s new certification through portfolio was developed as an alternative method of applying for board certification. The peer-review process is an option for nurses in certain specialty areas where a certification exam is unavailable.

You will document your skills, knowledge, abilities, and career accomplishments as part of the application process. Your portfolio will be evaluated for knowledge of the specialty and assessed by peers in your specialty area in these four domains:

- Professional Development
- Professional and Ethical Nursing Practice
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Quality and Safety

Nurses successfully applying for certification using the portfolio application process will be awarded a board certified credential.

Assessment-Based Certificate Programs
ANCC offers Assessment-Based Certificate programs that validate your knowledge of an educational or training course. This certificate program evaluates your achievement of the course objectives through a custom-designed examination at the end of the course.

We collaborate with several educational organizations that offer courses requiring an examination that validates students’ knowledge of the content. ANCC’s Commission on Certification awards individual certificates to the individuals who pass the assessment examination.
Practice Excellence Through Credentialing

The mission of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), is to promote excellence in nursing and health care globally through credentialing programs. ANCC’s internationally renowned credentialing programs certify and recognize individual nurses in specialty practice areas. It recognizes healthcare organizations that promote nursing excellence and quality patient outcomes while providing safe, positive work environments. In addition, ANCC accredits healthcare organizations that provide and approve continuing nursing education. ANCC’s Credentialing Knowledge Center™ offers educational materials to support nurses and organizations as they work toward their credentials.

ANCC’s Certification Program enables nurses to demonstrate their specialty expertise and validate their knowledge to employers and patients. Through targeted exams and portfolios that incorporate the latest clinical practices, ANCC certification empowers nurses with pride and professional satisfaction.

Visit www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification.aspx for more information about the ANCC Certification Program.

You may also contact the Certification office at certification@ana.org or by calling 1.800.284.2378.