

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate RN residency program receives accreditation from ANCC

Practice Transition Accreditation Program creates framework for transitioning RNs and APRNs

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Aug. 26, 2016 — Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital new *Graduate Nurse Residency Program* is one of the first 5 RN residency programs in the United States to obtain accreditation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP).

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate RN residency program helps newly licensed nurses transition into the nursing profession. The program was designed to give nurses who are new to the profession, time and support during their first 6 months of transition. The RN residency program has been successful in using valid and reliable tools to evaluate the effectiveness of this homegrown program.

As an accredited program, the new *Graduate Nurse Residency* at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate, integrates national competencies that meet PTAP standards. Bon Secours Mary Immaculate also has strong organizational leadership that fully supports the program and enables the program to meet its goals. Lynn Newberry, administrative director of critical care services and professional practice at Bon Secours Mary Immaculate, says executive and senior leadership support is very strong. “Our CNO is very supportive and active in the program, participating in evaluations and attending classes,” she said.

“The Bon Secours Mary Immaculate RN residency program demonstrates how organizational leadership contributes to a successful transition to practice program, because without strong support, these types of programs would not exist” said Sheryl Cosme, senior manager of operations of the Practice Transition Accreditation Program at ANCC.

To learn more about Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital new *Graduate Nurse Residency Program*, please visit <https://bonsecours.com/hampton-roads>. To learn more about the ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program, please visit www.nursecredentialing.org/becomeptap.



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