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**OUTGOING JONA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM
THE AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER
SUZANNE P. SMITH, EdD, RN, FAAN**

SILVER SPRING, Md.—The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) presented the President's Special Recognition Award to Suzanne P. Smith, EdD, RN, FAAN, who recently retired as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Nursing Administration*[™] (JONA) after 30 years.

The President's Special Recognition Award is given to an individual for contributions in support of ANCC's mission. It is awarded at the discretion of ANCC's President only when the occasion warrants.

Dr. Smith received the award from ANCC Board President Michael L. Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, at the National Magnet Conference[®] in Baltimore. "For three decades, Dr. Smith has worked to support nursing excellence as JONA's editor-in-chief," Dr. Evans said. "Over time, the synergy between JONA and ANCC's Magnet Recognition Program[®] blossomed as we worked together to showcase nursing excellence and achievement."

JONA is the authoritative source of information on developments and advances in patient care leadership. Beginning this month, it has become the Official Leadership Journal of the Magnet Recognition Program. Magnet Director Craig Luzinski, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, writes a monthly column updating the latest news and initiatives, sharing research findings, and examining the Magnet Model components.

Dr. Smith is now a Consulting Editor for JONA and continues in her role as Editor-in-Chief of Nurse Educator, a peer reviewed journal edited for faculty and administrators in schools of nursing.

About the Award

The President's Special Recognition Award recognizes exceptional leaders who have partnered with the ANCC president to advance the mission, vision, and strategic goals of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Honorees are personally selected by the president, rather than a committee, and the award is given only when the occasion is warranted. Past recipients include those who have enhanced nurse professionalism and helped make ANCC the premier credentialing organization it is today.

About ANCC

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[®] Programs; and accredit providers and approvers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation[®] provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the first and only healthcare certification organization in the United States to have successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification.

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