



Important Updates for the APRN Faculty

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ANCC APRN Faculty Newsletter – Second Edition

Welcome to the second edition of the APRN Faculty Newsletter! This is ANCC's way of connecting with colleagues in the APRN Faculty arena. We are committed to keeping you and your graduate students informed about updates in APRN certification. It is packed with beyond the classroom resources, tools and information you can use to help your students become ANCC certified. Stay abreast of ANCC's free certification resources—including webinars, expedited application review, online verification, aggregate data reports, a new and improved APRN Faculty Toolkit and much more! As you prepare for the upcoming semester's graduate students—new or graduating—learn the many ways you can set them up for success and lifelong learning on their professional journey, through all the information featured in this newsletter.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

Special Offers For Your Students!

Attention APRN Applicants!

Graduating soon? Apply for ANCC certification and save \$145 on the exam price. ANA members save even more. Here's how:

- Go to nursecredentialing.org
- Click on CERTIFICATION
- Select your certification of choice
- Click APPLY ONLINE
- Use promo code NEWGRAD or ANAMEMBERNG at checkout

Don't wait! This offer is only valid until August 31!

Questions? Call us at **1.800.284.2378**.

ANCC Leads The Way

Professional Excellence Through Certification, Nationally and Globally

The mission of the ANCC, a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association, is to promote excellence in nursing and healthcare globally through credentialing programs. Trusted for its commitment to excellence and quality, the ANCC Certification Program is nationally renowned for upholding consistent standards for validating competency in speciality professional, as well as interprofessional, practice. Clinicians and organizations that earn ANCC credentials and recognitions are trusted and respected in the healthcare community for their professional competency and expertise, collaboration, and commitment to high-quality patient-centered care.

[For more information about ANCC's credentialing programs, please visit our website.](#)

For more information on ANCC APRN certifications, please go to each specific advanced practice speciality for eligibility, pricing information, applicable discounts, test content outlines, study aids and resources. This information is available through the specific links for each speciality listed below:

- [Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner](#)
 - [Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner](#)
 - [Family Nurse Practitioner](#)
 - [Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner](#)
 - [Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan](#)
 - [Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist](#)
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Beyond The Classroom

Learn More About APRN Certification With Free Webinars!

ANCC offers a series of free webinars for undergraduates and graduate-level nurses/nursing students in the various stages of their APRN professional journey. Whether they are still contemplating embarking on the APRN graduate program, or will soon graduate and sit for the certification exam, ANCC has a webinar that's just right for them! Learn more about the benefits of ANCC certification at a FREE webinar for students and faculty.

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ANCC 2017 Webinar Series



For undergraduate students thinking about furthering their education in a nursing graduate program or may have just recently applied please consider registering for our upcoming Fall webinars:

- [All You Need To Know About Applying To Graduate Nursing School](#)
- [How To Succeed In Your APRN Graduate Program](#)

ANCC APRN Graduate Student Webinar



We offer free webinars for APRN graduate students who are considering testing for an ANCC certification exam. These webinars will provide the steps to apply and discuss the benefits of

becoming certified with the ANCC. Faculty who are interested in setting up a webinar with us for their class should contact us via [email](#).

Exciting News For International Candidates!

ANCC is excited to announce our exclusive contractual relationship with CGFNS International, Inc., for validation of international credentials! All ANCC international applicants must present verification from CGFNS International, who will facilitate the preliminary eligibility review and education equivalency for nurses educated and licensed outside of the United States. ANCC will not accept verification documents from any other credential-evaluating organizations.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the above, please [email](#) Terrelene Sims, Assistant Director, Certification Services and Commission on Certification (COC) Staff Liason.

Streamlined VOE Submission

Back By Popular Demand!

Reduce your workload and shorten the application and review process for your students with ANCC's new streamlined VOE submission! The new process requires action on your part and your students' part. It works best for graduate degree programs where all students have taken the same coursework for the degree.

STEP 1: Before submitting any documents, each APPLICANT must create an account on ANCC's website.

This way, we can match documents from your school to the applicant's account. Applicants can start here and select "Access My Account." (If the applicant is ready to submit an application and pay, see STEP 3, below.)

STEP 2: Your SCHOOL must submit the following:

- One general VOE form, per program, with all requirements completed (except student information). Access the VOE form [here](#), and complete the sections as follows:
 - Candidate Information: leave blank
 - Program Information: complete all required fields and check boxes
 - If your school has more than one type of program, complete one VOE for each program (example: FNP, AGPCNP, etc.)
 - Dual Programs: leave blank (unless applicable)
 - Courses: complete the course grid, as indicated
 - Statement of Understanding: complete all required fields, including electronic signature
- A list/spreadsheet containing your graduates' first and last names, name of program completed, and the completion date.
- For post-graduate applicants, include any applicable gap analyses, as separate files, if needed.

Email all items to joy.casey@ana.org.

STEP 3: APPLICANTS must do the following, before any review can take place:

- Submit an online application, including payment.

- Submit unofficial*/official transcripts to ANCC
- By mail: PO Box 8785, Silver Spring, MD 20907
- OR by email: aprnvalidation@ana.org

*ANCC will accept unofficial transcripts, which we define as either a transcript photocopy, a comprehensive record of academic progress, or a printout of all work completed, to date, including coursework, grades, and degree(s) earned or in progress—which will allow ANCC to process and review an application. ANCC reserves the right to reject any unofficial transcript that appears to be altered. Applicants may receive an authorization to test with an unofficial transcript. However, an official transcript showing the final degree conferred and a conferral date is required for a status of certified.

Become An ANA Member

By becoming an ANA member, your students with pay only \$270 at checked, a savings of \$125!

Direct any interested students to our [Membership Works For You](#) page for more details.

Now Available! New & Improved APRN Faculty Toolkits

Great news! The updated APRN Faculty Toolkit is now available with everything you need to help your students prepare for ANCC certification. It includes information, videos, and links to:

- » Complete an online application
- » Locate available free study aids and resources
- » Prepare for the APRN exam
- » Schedule an exam with Prometric
- » Renew certification online
- » Display ANCC credentials

Plus, learn about valuable product discounts for you! [Check out this comprehensive resource today.](#)

Now Available—Online Verification

The APRN Faculty Verification Portal was launched in May 2017. The online portal allows faculty to verify their graduate student's ANCC certification status. We have growing numbers of APRN faculty who now use the free and unlimited online access to check on their graduate student's ANCC certifications. Contact us at certificationoutreach@ana.org to register and set up an account. The following information is required to set up an account:

- Full name of primary faculty contact for the school/university (first name, last name, middle initial, if any)
 - School business address
 - Email address
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Call For 2018 Certified Nurse Award Nominations

Nominate Your Peer/Colleague

ANCC wants to recognize ANCC-certified nurses for their significant contributions to their field of practice. For details on eligibility criteria for nominated nurses and who may nominate, please visit our [website](#).

How to submit nominations:

Save completed nomination form as PDF and return via [email](#) or mail to:

ANCC Board Certified Nominations/Awards Committee
c/o Erika Borlie, DNP, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, RN-C
ANCC Certification Department
8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400
Silver Spring, MD 20910

All nominations must be received by ANCC on or before October 31, 2017 at midnight ET.

Winners will be notified February 13 – 20, 2018. Official awards will be presented in conjunction with Certified Nurses Day, March 19, 2018.

Make A Difference In Nursing

ANCC is seeking certified volunteers to assist with test development activities. Are you ANCC-certified in:

- Adult-Gerontology CNS
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP

If yes, then complete the [application](#) and return it with your current resume and job description via [email](#).

[Additional information is available.](#)

Questions? [Email](#) or call us at **1.800.284.2378** for details.

FAQs: Dear ANCC

Q: *When should we expect to receive our school's aggregate data report?*

A: ANCC provides an annual aggregate data report to colleges and universities with advanced practice nursing programs. The aggregate data report includes a summary of the performance of graduate students who sat for ANCC certification exams during a given year, such as the overall school pass rate by year of graduation and school pass rates for first-time candidates. ANCC sends these reports out in early March of each year.

To receive your school's aggregate data report without any undue delays, please ensure that your school's primary contact information for the dean/director or program chair is updated with

the American Association for Colleges of Nursing (AACN). ANCC uses the AACN's updated member information for each school when mailing out these aggregate reports.

Q: *How soon should graduate students apply for their APRN certification?*

A: Your students may open an ANCC account at any time. The account allows them to enter their information to obtain a customer identification number and access to the ANCC online application system for the specialty certification. Payment is not required until they are ready to submit their application for eligibility review and processing.

ANCC accepts APRN certification application with unofficial transcripts. This means that graduate students may be allowed to sit for the specialty certification exam, provided their unofficial transcripts reflect that all required courses for the APRN degree have been completed with a final grade. Please note that ANCC will award the board certification only to successful candidates who have submitted the official transcripts.

Q: *Why obtain an ANCC certification?*

A: ANCC is the world's largest and most prestigious nurse-credentialing organization. You join a fast-growing group of board-certified nurses and interprofessional colleagues—over 210,000 year to date—who are well-recognized in their fields of practice. ANCC certification programs meet the standards for two accreditation bodies—the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Furthermore, ANCC is the only nurse-credentialing organization to have successfully achieved the International Standards Organization (ISO) 9001:2008, a global recognition of quality.

Most hospital organizations and employers recognize ANCC board certifications nationally and globally. ANCC also takes pride in over 94% customer satisfaction, and has a full complement of expert Nurse Registrars and professional support staff who are happy to assist clinicians throughout their certification application journey.

Have questions or need more information? Email us at certificationoutreach@ana.org.



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For staff assistance, email erika.borlie@ana.org.

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