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Important Updates for the APRN Faculty

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APRN Faculty Newsletter

A Reliable Source for ANCC Certification Information

Welcome to the first issue of the APRN Faculty Newsletter! Don't miss a beat! Our free newsletter will keep you informed about updates in APRN certification for you and your graduate students. It is packed with valuable tools and information you can use to help your students become ANCC certified. Take advantage 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! Certification is opening more doors to nurses than ever before. As you gear up for your students' graduation this summer, learn the many ways you can set them up for success and lifelong learning on their professional journey.

Join the Conversation on Social Media

Visit our Facebook page to learn about ANCC certifications that benefit graduate students, upcoming events, and other important updates.

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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 June 30. Questions? Call us at **1.800.284.2378.**

EXPEDITE the Application Process

Apply for your initial NP certification today and receive a free expedited application review! Enter promo code **EXPEDITE** at checkout. Hurry – this valuable offer ends July 30.

ANCC's expedited review procedure shortens application processing time from four weeks to just five business days*. Once deemed eligible, you can schedule your certification exam at a convenient Prometric testing center near you.

*To meet the five-day timeline, you must submit a completed initial application form and all required documents, including a Validation of Education (VOE) form and transcripts. If your application is incomplete, or ANCC requires additional information to determine eligibility, delays may result.

Streamlined VOE Submission

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 certfied.

Free Webinar: Why Certify with ANCC?

ANCC certification is nationally renowned as a true gauge of a nurse's ability to provide excellent care. Employers and colleagues respect ANCC-certified nurses as experts in their specialties. Learn more about the benefits of ANCC certification at a FREE webinar for students and faculty.

The webinar includes:

- Certification programs for advanced practice
- An overview of the application process
- The value of becoming ANCC certified
- Q&A

Help your graduate and doctoral nursing students successfully achieve APRN certification in their chosen specialties. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how your students can certify with ANCC. Contact us at certificationoutreach@ana.org to schedule your free webinar today!

Coming Soon! New & Improved APRN Faculty Toolkits

Great news! The updated APRN Faculty Toolkit will have 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.

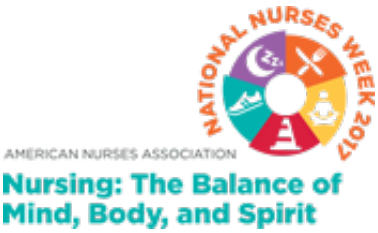
Now Available—Online Verification

ANCC now offers free and unlimited online access to check on your graduate students' certifications. Contact us at certificationoutreach@ana.org to register and set up an account.

Certification Renewal Survey 2017

ANCC recently conducted a wide-ranging Certification Renewal Survey to collect stakeholder feedback about recent changes to renewal requirements. Participants included ANCC-certified nurses, nursing faculty, and nurses in Magnet® and Pathway to Excellence® organizations. More than 7,531 people responded and ANCC is in the process of analyzing the results. We'll share findings soon.

Happy National Nurses Week!



National Nurses Week – May 6-12 – honors the important role nurses play in society. This year's theme is "Nursing: the Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit." Celebrate nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness! In addition, American Nurses Association (ANA) has designated 2017 as the "Year of the Healthy Nurse." Every month, ANA highlights specific health, safety, and wellness topics important to nurses. Learn more.

Make a Difference in Your Profession! Become a Content Expert

ANCC is looking for Content Experts to help develop nursing certification exams. Gain invaluable experience and make a tangible difference in your profession. Email anccvolunteer@ana.org for details.

Aggregate Data Reports: A Helpful Evaluation Tool

Did you know that ANCC provides an annual aggregate data report to colleges and universities with Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) programs? The report includes a summary of the performance of graduate students who sat for ANCC certification exams during a given year. It is generated for APN programs that have graduated three or more advanced practice nurses who have tested within a given year. The report is sent to the dean, director, or program chair of every school registered with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), on or before March 31.

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

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**ANCC does not endorse continuing education providers. ANCC accepts continuing education credit from a variety of organizations; please review the ANCC Renewal Requirements Handbook for more details.*

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