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American Nurses Credentialing Center and CGFNS International, Inc. Announce Exclusive Strategic Partnership for International Credentialing

Philadelphia, PA, Silver Spring, MD —The [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#) (ANCC) and [CGFNS International, Inc.](#) announced today a strategic partnership for the purpose of maintaining rigorous program standards for eligibility while advancing its global reach and scope. ANCC will collaborate with CGFNS International to verify and evaluate the baccalaureate degree eligibility and licensure requirements for nurses educated outside of the United States. This information will be used to verify the prerequisite requirements for the ANCC's Accreditation Program, Certification Program, Magnet Recognition Program® and Pathway to Excellence® Program.

ANCC is the demonstrated leader in increasing the minimum educational standards for nursing professionals. Through this exclusive initiative with CGFNS, an internationally-recognized authority on credentials evaluation for nurses and healthcare professionals, ANCC will be able to further expand its impact globally. With a body of evidence demonstrating the relationship between nurses' educational preparation and positive patient outcomes, it is critical that the evaluation process be rigorous and reflect ANCC's high standards.

"This is the first time ANCC has developed an exclusive relationship with a credentialing evaluation organization, which speaks to the importance of the agreement," said Loressa Cole, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, Executive Director and Senior Vice President of ANCC. "CGFNS is known worldwide for its dedication to advancing the nursing profession, serving applicants from 189 countries around the globe. Through working with CGFNS, ANCC solidifies its commitment to international expansion and to demonstrating the impact of credentialing on nurse, organizational, and patient outcomes globally."

"ANCC and CGFNS share a common vision – to improve the professional practice of nursing globally and to demonstrate how nurses, as members of the health care team, contribute to safe, high-quality patient care every day," said Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, Senior Vice President, Accreditation, Certification, Measurement, and the Institute for Credentialing Research at ANCC. "We know that nurses who are certified in specialty practice, who have access to continuing nursing and inter-professional education, and who work in positive practice environments with strong nursing leaders, make a difference to the patients and families they serve. Together with CGFNS, we share that vision globally."

CGFNS also celebrates this partnership. "We at CGFNS look forward to many more years of cooperation with ANCC," says Dr. Franklin A. Shaffer, CGFNS President and Chief Executive Officer. "This partnership is of utmost importance to the greater international nursing community. We believe that migration and education portability are both human rights. Enterprises like CGFNS and ANCC must collaborate to ensure these rights are a reality for students across the globe."

This partnership between ANCC and CGFNS ensures that nurses everywhere will be able to have their educational and professional credentials evaluated, verified, and translated across borders to guarantee the preservation of healthcare standards in both the United States and around the world.

About American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

The [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#) (ANCC) is the world's largest and most prestigious nurse credentialing organization. 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® Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education, skills competency programs, and transition-to-practice programs. ANCC provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. ANCC continues to drive nursing excellence, quality care, and improved outcomes globally through innovation, research, and operational positive practice.

About CGFNS International, Inc.

Founded in 1977 to provide credential assessment for nurses seeking migration, [CGFNS International, Inc.](#), based in Philadelphia, PA, is an immigration-neutral, non-profit organization with NGO consultative status to the United Nations. It has continued to expand its expertise and its spheres of influence to serve the global health community through its programs and services that verify and promote knowledge-based practice competencies. It is the only organization named in the US federal statute to administer visa screening of foreign-educated nurses and other professionals in seven health care fields.