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Melbourne, Australia
- ▶ International Hospital Federation
June 18-20, 2013
Oslo, Norway
- ▶ ANCC National Magnet Conference®
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The mission of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), is to promote excellence in nursing and health care globally through credentialing programs. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify and recognize individual nurses in specialty practice areas. ANCC recognizes healthcare organizations that promote nursing excellence and quality patient outcomes, while providing safe, positive work environments. In addition, ANCC accredits healthcare organizations that provide and approve continuing nursing education. It also offers educational materials to support nurses and organizations as they work toward their credentials.



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Magnet Recognition Program®
Pathway to Excellence® Programs
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Innovate. Involve. Inspire.

The **American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**, a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association, **provides credentialing for healthcare organizations and nurses.** Credentialing is a **measure of excellence** for nursing practice and quality patient care. As a leader, ANCC is the first and only healthcare credentialing organization to attain full International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification—the global standard for **quality management.**

Magnet Recognition Program®

Healthcare organizations around the world want to improve patient care and quality. ANCC's **Magnet Recognition Program®** offers ways for organizations to reach these goals.

Organizations that achieve Magnet® recognition demonstrate superior nursing practices. The Magnet program is based on research to guide organizations to achieve nursing excellence. Requirements include leadership, nursing structure, professional practice, quality improvement, nursing research, and results. Quality and safety standards are essential parts of your application, as is the nurse's role in improving care. The Magnet recognition philosophy applies widely across cultures.

An organization of any size can apply for Magnet recognition through ANCC. The benefits of Magnet recognition include improved retention of nurses, job satisfaction, and lower patient mortality rates.

For more information about applying for Magnet, visit www.nursecredentialing.org/Magnet/International.aspx.

Magnet Applicant Requirements

The chief nursing officer/chief nurse executive must hold a graduate degree; either the graduate degree or the baccalaureate degree must be in nursing. The nurse manager/leader/director must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing.

ANCC National Magnet Conference®

Each year, ANCC sponsors the **National Magnet Conference®**, where you can interact with leaders in the nursing field and learn about recent research and best practices used by Magnet organizations. In 2012, more than 190 international nurses—out of over 7,000 total attendees—joined this conference. Special sessions on the international applicability of Magnet are featured at the conference for chief nursing officers, researchers, staff nurses, and faculty. **International attendees also have the option of staying an extra day to tour local Magnet hospitals, an opportunity we reserve just for our international guests.**

Please visit www.anccmagnetconference.org for registration information.

Upcoming Magnet Conferences:

- ▶ October 2-4, 2013, Orlando, Florida, USA
Hospital Tour: October 5
- ▶ October 8-10, 2014, Dallas, Texas, USA
Hospital Tour: October 11
- ▶ October 7-9, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Hospital Tour: October 10

Accreditation Program

The ANCC Accreditation Program provides the global credential for organizations and groups that offer high-quality continuing nursing education (CNE) and programs that teach nursing skills. Health ministries, national and international nursing groups, leading hospitals, and continuing education providers value this credential as an effective strategy to advance excellence in professional nursing practice and support healthcare infrastructure around the world.

Accredited organizations adhere to ANCC criteria for educational design, evidence-based content, and testing methodology to plan, implement, and evaluate CNE activities. ANCC standards are widely accepted by licensure boards, and benefit nurses in their career growth.

Organizations and groups seek ANCC accreditation in these areas:

- ▶ **Primary Accreditation for Providers** recognizes organizations worldwide that provide CNE for professional nurses.
- ▶ **Joint Accreditation** recognizes innovators in team delivery of healthcare education through a collaborative partnership between ANCC, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).
- ▶ The **Nursing Skills Competency Program (NSCP)** accredits single educational activities designed to develop competency in nursing skills or skill sets. With NSCP accreditation, organizations gain independent verification that nurses are proven competent to perform specific skills in live and high-risk clinical settings.

Accreditation Applicant Requirements

The lead nurse planner must hold a graduate degree; either the graduate degree or the baccalaureate degree must be in nursing. Nurse planners must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing.

For more information, visit our website at www.nursecredentialing.org/Accreditation.aspx.

Pathway to Excellence® Programs

The **Pathway to Excellence® Program** recognizes a healthcare organization's commitment to creating a positive nursing practice environment. Pathway organizations recruit top candidates and keep staff through high levels of job satisfaction, patient care, and safety.

The Pathway to Excellence credential is granted when an organization meets Pathway's 12 practice standards. Each standard represents the required elements for delivering safe patient care and a positive environment for nurses. Nurses play an important role in the application process. The Nurse Survey, a unique feature in Pathway, allows nurses to confirm the information submitted in application documents. This shows that nurses are involved in the process, valued and respected members of the healthcare team, and validates that standards are met.

The **Pathway to Excellence in Long Term Care® (PTE-LTC)** Program is based on Pathway to Excellence Practice Standards but is specific to the long-term-care environment. It is the first program to recognize this type of work environment in long-term-care facilities.

For more information about the Pathway to Excellence and Pathway to Excellence in Long Term Care programs, visit our website at www.nursecredentialing.org/Pathway.aspx.

Pathway to Excellence Conference®: *The Power of Positive Practice* May 2-3, 2013, in Baltimore, Maryland

The conference is an educational and networking opportunity for both designated organizations and organizations interested in the Pathway to Excellence® recognition program. Visit www.nursecredentialing.org/PathwayConference for registration information and future conference dates.

Pathway to Excellence Applicant Requirements

The chief nursing officer/chief nurse executive must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing.

PTE-LTC Applicant Requirements

The chief nursing officer/chief nurse executive/director of nursing must be an RN, preferably with a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Under the 2013 Pathway to Excellence in Long Term Care Application Manual, DONs will be required to include an action plan and timeline for moving from a nonbaccalaureate nursing degree to a baccalaureate nursing degree.

