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What Is ANCC?

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the nation's largest nursing credentialing organization, and provides professional certification of nurses who have proven themselves through education, experience, knowledge, testing, and professional conduct. ANCC offers a wide range of nursing certification examinations, including those for nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and other specialty areas. Examinations are offered nationwide and are designed to objectively assess competency in nursing specialties. More than a quarter of a million nurses have been certified by ANCC since 1990. More than 80,000 advanced practice nurses are currently certified by ANCC.



Standard Setting Study Panel

ANCC conducts standard setting studies when new test forms based on updated test content outlines are introduced. The purpose of the studies is to determine a recommended passing score, which is the level at which a candidate's knowledge and skills are sufficient to achieve ANCC certification.

Study Panel Candidate Selection

Panelists who qualify to serve on an ANCC standard setting panel must be certified by ANCC for at least three years and retain ANCC certification at least nine months after the study. Preference is given to those with less than five years' experience.

What Is Involved?

Panelists who are selected to participate in a standard setting study attend a two-day meeting at ANCC headquarters. This meeting includes training to prepare the panelists to make collective judgments about the complexity of the exam.

Requirements

Panelists are expected to actively participate in the entire two-day meeting. Dedicated time and effort to meeting activities and objectives are critical components of participation. Standard Setting Study Panelists will be obligated contractually to the process. Prior meeting experience in this type of environment is not a prerequisite.

Term of Appointment

Participation as a member of the standard setting panel is a onetime event and does not constitute membership on any other examination development content expert panel.

Benefits

The Standard Setting Study Panel provides opportunities to interact and network with colleagues from diverse geographic locations and practice settings. The experience will provide increased significance to your resume. Your participation will be a professional contribution and learning endeavor. Panel members are awarded a 15-hour reduction in the number of continuing education contact hours required for ANCC recertification. ANCC values your support of the nursing profession by helping to ensure that passing scores on ANCC certification examinations are fair and justifiable.

Questions

If you have questions about becoming a Standard Setting Study Panel member, please call 800.284.2378 x5272 or x5304, or send an e-mail to ANCCVolunteer@ana.org.