

2025 Winter APRN Faculty Townhall

**February 6, 2025
2:30pm-3:30pm ET.**



Presentation Overview

The purpose of today's presentation is to provide high level guidance to APRN faculty & staff to support their students for successful semesters to come.

Topics include:

- Introductions
- Application information
- Important updates
- Helpful resources
- General tips



The Enterprise





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APRN Educational & Faculty Outreach Program Manager

Dr. Tonya L. Page serves as the APRN Educational & Faculty Outreach Program Manager and is the primary point of contact for advanced practice faculty members to help facilitate the expansion of engagement with APRN students and faculty.

Dr. Page brings over 21 years of experience as a healthcare leader, Advanced Practice Provider, and consultant. Dr. Page is eager to provide guidance to faculty and their students to promote educational success and encourages all faculty members to visit the following pages to further guide your students:

- [The APRN Faculty Page](#)
- [ANCC Certification FAQs](#)

Why Certify through ANCC



Collaboration

We have over 324,000 ANCC certified nurses

Actualization

Our certification programs have been accredited by

- ABSNC



- NCCA



Commitment

ANCC-certified nurses demonstrate the expansion of their professional knowledge and continued competence by renewing their certification every five years. This commitment to lifelong learning is evidenced through a variety of renewal options tailored to support meaningful and relevant professional practice.

APRN Certifications & Resources

Program Type	Certification Specialty	Study Resources	Credential	
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner 	One or Before March 5, 2025	Sample Test Questions & Answers	AGACNP-BC®
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Questions 	
	On or After March 13, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Nurse Practitioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Questions 	FNP-BC™
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Questions 	PMHNP-BC™	
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Content Outline Test Reference List 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Questions 	AGCNS-BC™

Students may also prepare for the exam by reviewing the [7 Tips on How to Prepare for Your Certification Exam](#).

Disclaimer: Use of these or any other course(s)/material(s) does not imply eligibility for certification or successful performance on any certification exam, nor is it a requirement to qualify for individual certification.

Create an Account

It's never too early for students to create an ANCC Account

Creating an account is free

Payment is only due at the time a student submits their ANCC APRN certification application



Eligibility & Policy Updates



Starting January 1, 2026, Candidates for ANCC APRN certification must pass their examination within five (5) years of degree conferral from their applicable APRN degree or post-graduate certification program.

Starting January 1, 2026, for post-graduate certificate (PGC) applicants, only PGC APRN program accreditation will be accepted for eligibility for an institution's PGC program. Applicants must demonstrate their program held/holds an active PGC accreditation at the time of graduation.

For more information about these eligibility and policy updates, please visit the [ANCC Certification FAQs](#) page.

New Service Announcement!



- For students currently pursuing or starting a post-graduate program, we now offer a new service to help educators prepare their students for certification success.
- The APRN Core Course Review allows faculty members to submit Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Health Assessment, and Advanced Pathophysiology courses for review against current ANCC certification eligibility criteria.
- Documents for this service can be submitted before or during a student's program for review by our team. Please follow the steps below to request review:
 - Submit a request via the [Core Course Review Survey](#).
 - Provide details and supporting documentation from time of course, such as syllabi and/or course descriptions.
 - For questions, contact us at aprnvalidation@ana.org.



The Validation of Education (VOE) Form

- The [Validation of Education \(VOE\) Form](#) reduces some of the document burden on faculty and streamline review of APRN applications.
- The form *MUST* align with applicant's official transcripts.
- All post-master's students should have a Gap Analysis Form completed by faculty, however, the May 2023 VOE does not require that this is submitted with the student's application.
- For additional guidance on how to fill out the VOE form, watch the [How To Fill Out The New ANCC VOE Form Presentation](#)
- Send documents to aprnvalidation@ana.org or fill out the [Supporting Documentation Form](#)



School Code Information

Education History

Program Degree*	Master's Degree	▼
Program Type*	Graduate	▼
State	Florida	▼
Institution Name	Student's Select University Name	▼
Start Date*	<input type="text"/>	📅
Date Degree Conferred*	<input type="text"/>	📅
Name on Transcript*	<input type="text"/>	
Major Area Of Study*	<input type="text"/>	
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- The school code designation is a unique identifier for your ANCC school aggregate data/pass rate report information.
- It is important that schools have their accurate and up-to-date code to obtain their annual pass rates.
- Schools/Universities requesting to be added to the school code list or for official school name changes/updates, must complete the [ANCC School Code Add/School Name Change Form](#).
- The form must be sent to certificationoutreach@ana.org.

Faculty Contact Information

- ANCC is currently updating our contact information database for schools
- This will enable us to better support your school's programs and ensure that communications about certification processes, program updates, and resources reach the appropriate contacts.
- **[Complete the form here.](#)**

Yearly Pass Rate Reports

Aggregate Data Reports

- Contain data only for the calendar year
- Contains domain level performance for test-takers from the calendar year
- Available once per year (usually in the first quarter)

Opt-In Pass Rate Reports

- Contain calculated pass rates for last calendar year and last 3 calendar years
- Includes a list of names of students who have opted in to sharing their data directly with their schools
- Can be requested anytime

Requesting ANCC Pass Rates



Watch the Video

- Our staff has implemented several process improvements to enhance our Aggregate Data (Pass Rate) reports including alignment with university program accreditation and inclusion of opt in student level data. For a detailed explanation of the enhancements, please watch the [Explanation of the ANCC School Aggregate Data/Pass Rate Reports Video](#).

Request the Report

- To support your accreditation efforts; we have updated our aggregate data (pass rate) reporting processes. Updated reports are now available upon request. Complete the [Updated Pass Rate Report Request Form & Attestation](#) to receive the data.
- Once data becomes available for the previous year, a notification will be sent out to APRN faculty and staff.

ANCC Readiness Tests

Benefits

- **Ease** testing anxiety
- **Evaluate readiness** for ANCC certification exams
- Gain exposure to the **authentic** certification exam testing platform
- Experience a **timed, live-proctored** test
- Receive **feedback** to guide studying efforts
- Available for all APRN certifications



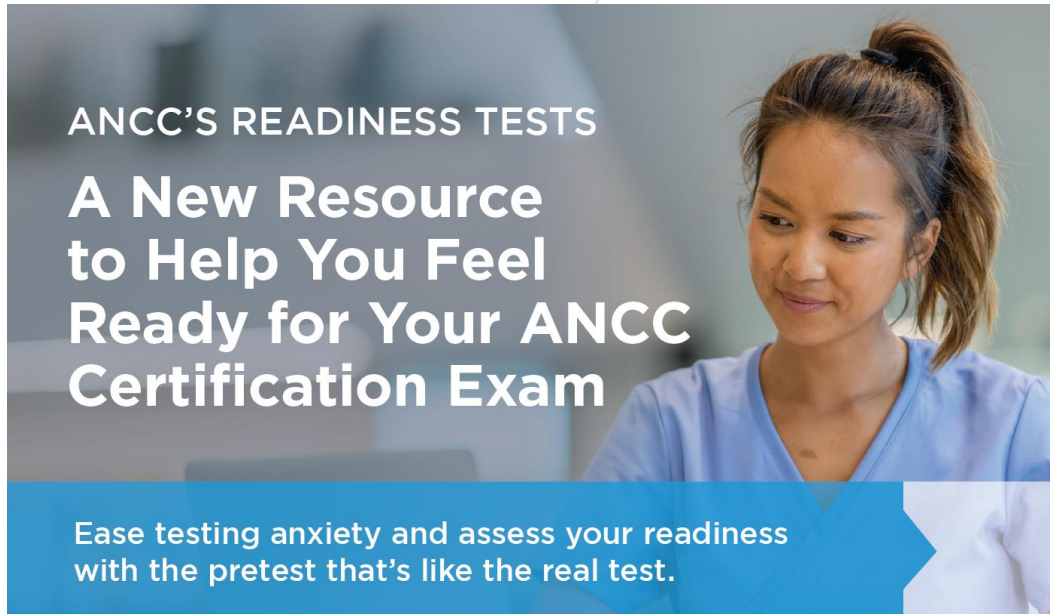
For more
frequently asked
questions, visit:

[nursingworld.org/
certification/readiness-tests](https://nursingworld.org/certification/readiness-tests)



Disclaimer: The ANCC Readiness Test is not a requirement to prepare or qualify for the certification exam and does not in any way guarantee a passing score on the certification examination.

Readiness Test Specifications



- 60 questions
- 75 minutes
- Score Report
- Price: \$85

Certification Prep vs. Readiness Tests



ANA Certification Prep



Prepare and review



Online review courses and manuals



PracticeIQ (self-paced, flexible environment)

ANCC Readiness Tests



Assess readiness



Expanded set of sample questions



Timed and proctored

Disclaimer: ANCC does not require candidates to use test prep resources or to take a readiness test. If candidates want to use any test preparation resources, we recommend choosing a high-quality provider that offers accredited continuing education and aligns the test prep materials to the test content outline.

Readiness Test Bulk Discount Pricing


- Opportunity for nursing programs to purchase bulk orders of Readiness Test vouchers for their students
- Ability to use voucher for 6 months from purchase, great option to include in curriculum
- Nursing students redeem the voucher code when scheduling a Readiness Test through Prometric
- Interested in learning more? Contact anccreadinesstest@ana.org

Min. Quantity	Max. Quantity	Price
1	10	\$85
11	20	\$80
21	99	\$75
100	-	\$70

Test Writing Webinars and Workshops

Webinars

Workshops

Target Audience	Individuals	Groups or departments
Offerings	Quarterly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual 	On-demand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual or in-person
Topics Covered	Introductory content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test blueprints • Item fundamentals • Item types • Bias and stereotypes • Peer reviewing • Item development and review checklist 	Introductory and in-depth content with engaging breakout sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customized content • Expanded webinar topics + learning objectives and rubrics
Contact Information	For webinar dates and to register, visit Eventbrite → 	Contact MS-Consulting@ana.org for more information

ANCC Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer, give back, and enhance the future of nursing
 - Participate on a **Content Expert Panel (CEP)** or **Readiness Exam Panel (REP)**
 - Serve as an **Item Writer** to develop test content
 - Participate on the **Standard Setting Panel** to establish the exam passing score
 - Contribute to credentialing as a member of the **Commission on Board Certification**
- General qualifications include:
 - Have an active ANCC certification in your field of practice
 - Currently practice in your certification area
 - Hold an unencumbered license to practice



If you would like to apply or have any questions, please contact

ANCCVolunteer@ana.org

The Success Pays[®] for U Pilot Program

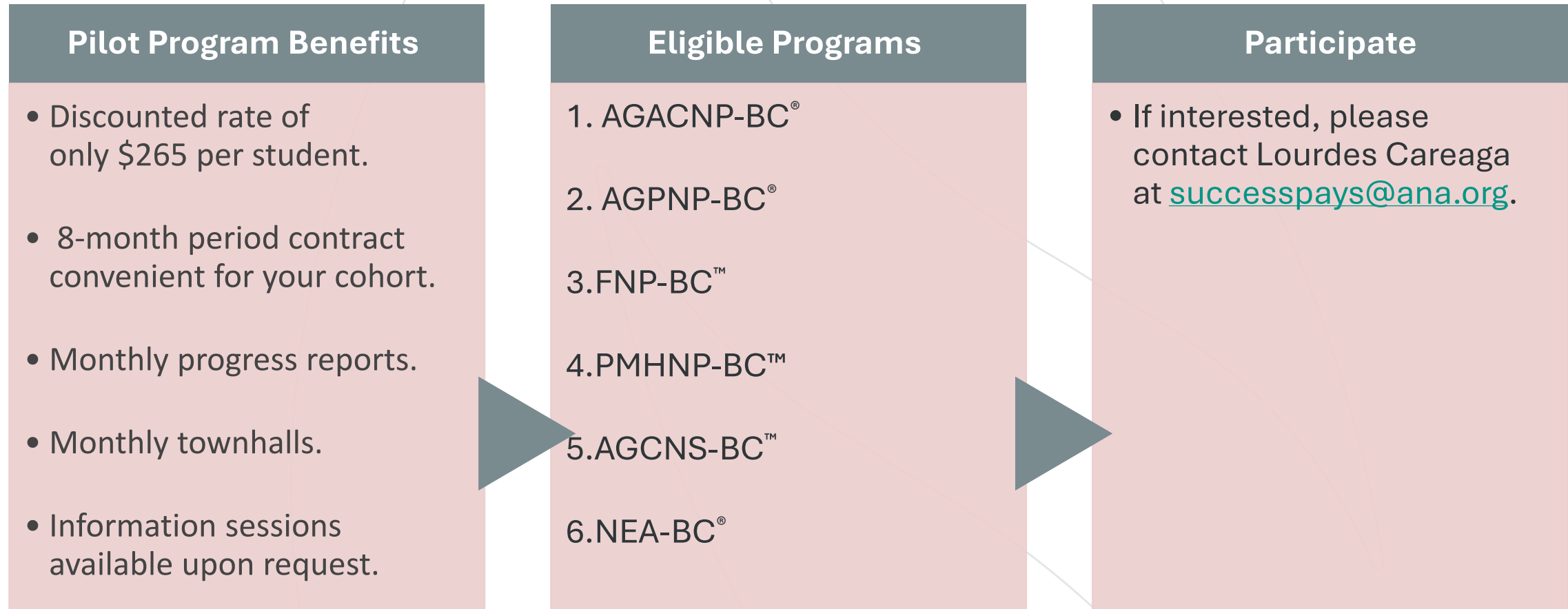


Lourdes B. Careaga, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Certification Outreach Program Manager

Meet Lourdes Careaga, who manages our ANCC Success Pays[®] program. Since 2013, this program has empowered healthcare organizations to boost nursing certification rates while minimizing financial risk.

Currently, we are expanding this opportunity through a pilot program, inviting colleges and universities with APRN and other select specialty programs to support their students in achieving lifelong professional development through ANCC certification. Provide a helping hand to your students!

Participate in the Pilot Program



The Well-Being Excellence™ Program



Lynn W. Newberry, DNP, RN, CEN, NE-BC
Education & Outreach Program Manager

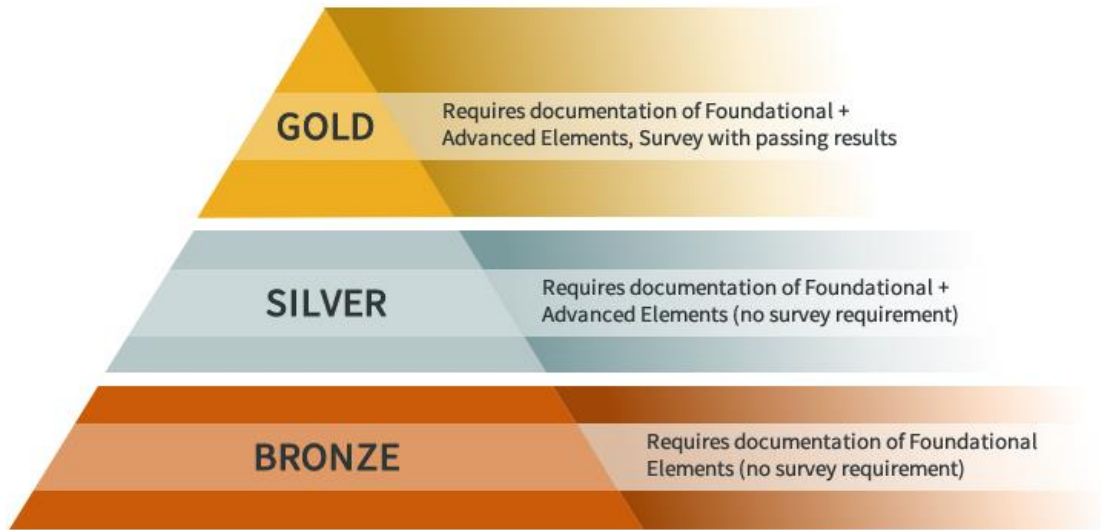
Meet Dr. Lynn Newberry, serving as the Education & Outreach Program Manager for the Magnet Recognition®, Magnet with Distinction®, Pathway to Excellence®, and Well-Being Excellence™ programs.

Transform your organization's well-being by obtaining ANCC's newest credential, Well-Being Excellence™, to showcase its firm commitment to creating a supportive work environment, attracting and retaining top talent, and improving overall employee satisfaction and engagement.

Benefits of Well-Being Excellence™

1. Strengthen recruitment and retention efforts
2. Boost workforce well-being and morale
3. Improve employee engagement and satisfaction
4. Enhance organizational resilience
5. Establish advanced practices in well-being programs
6. Position your organization as a market leader in healthcare well-being
7. Potential consideration for deemed elements with other ANCC credentialing programs

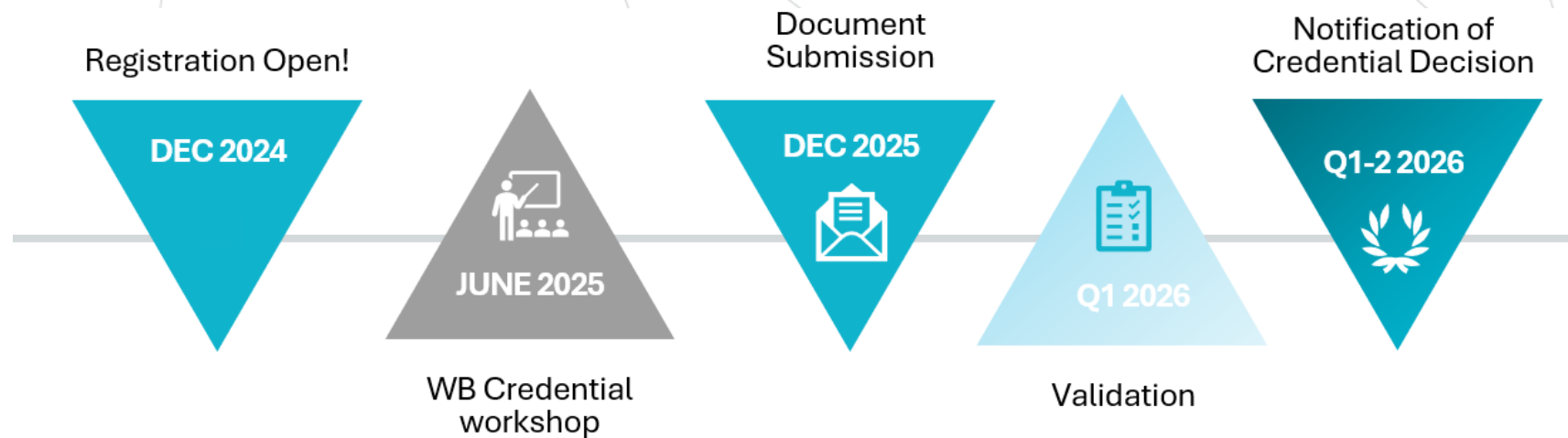
Well-Being Excellence™ Program



Well-Being Excellence™ Credential Tiers and Requirements

Key Points:

- Voluntary; above minimum standards
- Expand beyond nursing (interprofessional)
- Non-clinical settings (academic setting, association, etc.) eligible to apply
- If interested, visit [Well-Being Excellence™ Page](#) or contact Lynn Newberry at wellbeingexcellence@ana.org.



Encouraging Your Students

Meet Katelyn Bern, MA, who manages customer engagement through social media and at ANCC tradeshows. She encourages you to share our below social media links and monthly stories of inspiration with your students

Social Media



ANCC Certification: facebook.com/ancccertification

ANCC Certification Graduate Student Group: facebook.com/groups/980077465466570

ANCC Certification Preceptor Connect Group: facebook.com/groups/233015267236308

Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation Group: facebook.com/groups/1833487156893720

American Nurses Enterprise: facebook.com/AmericanNursesEnterprise



American Nurses Enterprise: linkedin.com/company/american-nurses-association/



Katelyn Bern, MA
Outreach Engagement Manager & Tradeshow Liaison

Stories of Inspiration from ANCC Certified Nurses

1. **May Edition:** [Celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
2. **June Edition:** [Celebrating 2024 Graduates](#)
3. **July Edition:** [Celebrating French American Heritage Month](#)
4. **August Edition:** [Celebrating Back to School Month](#)
5. **September Edition:** [Celebrating Healthy Aging Month & Vascular Nurses Week](#)
6. **October Edition:** [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Pediatric Nurses Week, & Case Management Week](#)
7. **November Edition:** [Celebrating Native American & Alaska Native Heritage Month](#)
8. **NP Week Edition:** [Celebrating Nurse Practitioners](#)
9. **December Edition:** [Year-End Celebration of Achievements with Support from the ANCC Success Pays® Program](#)

Application Discount for Students



About to Graduate?
**Save \$125
or more* on
Your APRN
Certification**

NON-Members: **APRN**
ANA Members: **APRNMEM**

 **ANCC**
AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER
CERTIFICATION

*Restrictions apply.

Students who wish to become ANA Members can join by visiting nursingworld.org/membership/joinANA/

Thank You!
For questions, contact us at
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