Nursing Continuing Professional Development™ Program

EVIDENCE-BASED. GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED. PROFESSIONALLY TRUSTED.

A global standard for excellence in nursing education and professional development.

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WHAT IS NCPD?

The Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) Accreditation™ Program, developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), is a prestigious international credential for organizations that demonstrate excellence in nursing continuing professional development. NCPD Accreditation is a rigorous, evidence-based process grounded in established standards and peer-reviewed evaluation.

The ANCC NCPD Accreditation Program recognizes healthcare organizations that demonstrate:

- Excellence in evidence-based NCPD planning, delivery, and evaluation
- Commitment to high-quality, independent nursing education
- Adherence to rigorous, globally recognized ANCC standards
- Advancement of professional nursing practice
- Support for ongoing development and lifelong learning

For healthcare organizations in Europe, NCPD provides:

- A globally recognized education-based framework that complements European and national country-specific regulatory accreditation requirements
- A clear roadmap to strengthen nursing structures, processes, and outcomes
- A competitive advantage in talent attraction / retention and patient experience within fast-growing healthcare markets

NCPD is achievable for healthcare organizations of all sizes and types across Europe and worldwide: public, private, academic, or specialized.

WHY NCPD MATTERS FOR EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

ANCC NCPD Accreditation supports organizations in delivering high-quality, evidence-based professional development and strengthening nursing competence in a rapidly evolving healthcare environment.

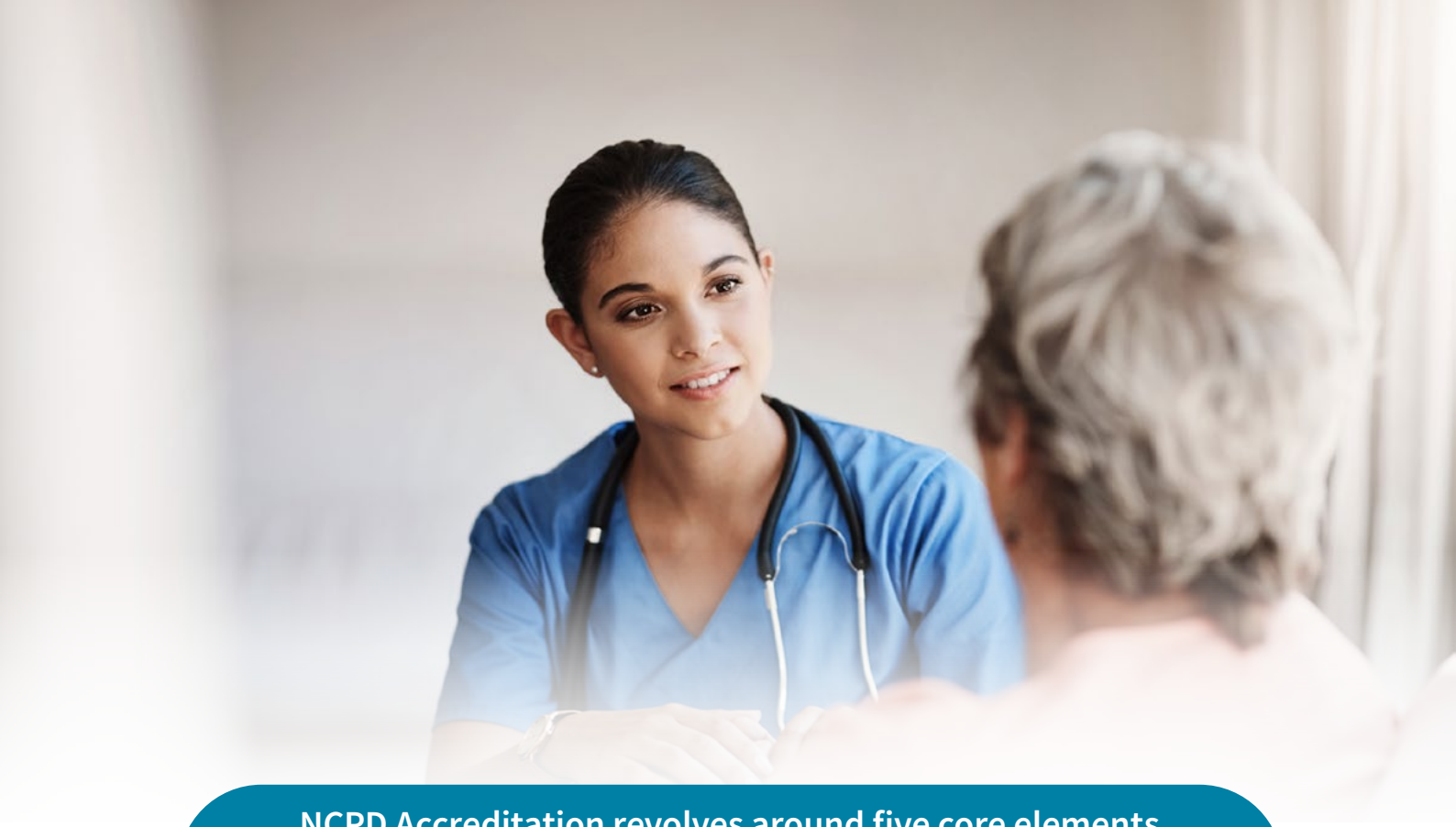
BENEFITS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Strengthened credibility through internationally ANCC-recognized standards
- Greater trust among nurses, regulators, and stakeholders
- Increased visibility through accreditation recognition
- Continuous improvement of NCPD programs

BENEFITS FOR NURSES

- Access to high-quality, evidence-based education
- Support for certification and licensure requirements
- Ongoing development of professional competence
- Confidence in engaging in accredited education





NCPD Accreditation revolves around five core elements that ensure quality, consistency, and impact in nursing professional development.

THE 5 CORE ELEMENTS OF ANCC NCPD ACCREDITATION:

1. Evidence-based standards
Criteria that ensure quality and independence from commercial influence

2. Educational design and delivery
Structured planning, implementation, and evaluation of NCPD activities

3. Lifelong learning and competence
Supporting continuous development in a changing healthcare environment

4. Peer review and accountability
Systematic evaluation of compliance with ANCC standards

5. Outcomes and impact
Advancing nursing practice and contributing to improved outcomes

THE PROCESS INCLUDES:

1. Eligibility assessment
2. Application and documentation
3. Program evaluation
4. Peer review
5. Accreditation decision

WHY IT MATTERS IN EUROPES

NCPD Accreditation supports:

- Alignment with regulatory and professional requirements
- Standards-based professional development across organizations
- Lifelong learning for evolving nursing roles
- Recognition through global accreditation standards
- Improvement in nursing practice and healthcare outcomes

HOW NCPD ACCREDITATION WORKS

Organizations seeking NCPD Accreditation follow a structured, evidence-based process to demonstrate their ability to deliver high-quality nursing education. The timeline can vary depending on organizational readiness.

NCPD Accreditation is both a recognition of excellence and a guide for continuous improvement in professional development. NCPD Accreditation requires ongoing compliance with ANCC standards and continuous evaluation of educational programs.

Find out more about ANCC Accreditation in NCPD Nursing Continuing Professional Development.

Download the application manual

INVESTMENT & FEE STRUCTURE

NCPD Accreditation fees are structured based on application type and organization category, with transparent annual pricing to support ongoing accreditation and program evaluation.

ACCREDITATION TERMS

- Initial accreditation is granted for a 2-year term
- Reaccreditation may be granted for up to 4 years, depending on review outcomes

Accreditation requires ongoing annual participation and periodic review to maintain compliance with ANCC standards.

Click here to view the 2026 fee schedule.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN EUROPE:

- https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/ncpd/NCPDjourney
- https://www.nursingworld.org/organizational-programs/accreditation/ncpd/primary-accreditation-workshops

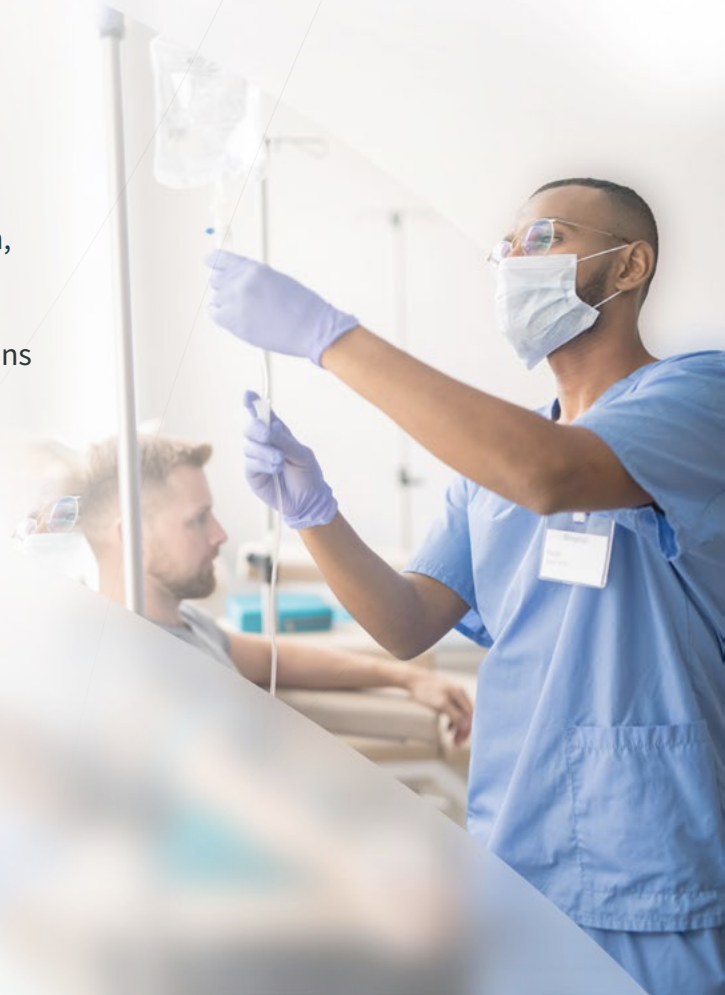


IS YOUR ORGANIZATION READY FOR NCPD ACCREDITATION?

Organizations that pursue NCPD Accreditation are committed to:

- Delivering high-quality, evidence-based nursing education
- Supporting lifelong learning and professional competence
- Aligning with ANCC accreditation standards
- Strengthening professional nursing practice
- Demonstrating educational quality through evaluation

Get started by exploring NCPD accreditation requirements and application resources. visit: **anccinternational.org/magnet**



To begin your NCPD process or request information, contact: **ancc.international-europe@ana.org**

All official NCPD program materials and examinations are provided in English.

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