

Nursing Continuing Professional Development™ Program

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BACKGROUND

The American Nursing Credentialing Center (ANCC) Nursing Continuing Professional Development™ Program accredits organizations globally for their excellence in the provision of Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD). ANCC NCPD Accredited organizations follow evidence-based ANCC criteria to design, implement, and assess exemplary NCPD activities.

Thus, nursing organizations, employers, and healthcare education companies depend on ANCC NCPD Accreditation to promote advanced nursing practices and enhance outcomes. Additionally, nursing professionals can select the highest quality education to fulfill certification or licensure requirements. ANCC NCPD Accredited Providers are global organizations that develop NCPD activities using ANCC criteria.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Beneficiaries	Competitive Advantage	Value
Organizations	Global Standards	Boost your global reputation and gain a market edge to set your organization as a leader in quality and excellence through meeting stringent, evidence-based standards.
	Quality Assurance	Set the quality benchmarks and assure regulatory bodies and healthcare facilities of the excellence of your continuing education initiatives with the ANCC, the first and only healthcare credentialing organization with full ISO certification.[1]
	Interprofessional Collaboration	Promote collaboration among nurses and other healthcare disciplines to improve patient outcomes, satisfaction, and healthcare delivery leading to reduction in hospital readmissions and costs, and fostering a culture of continuous learning and mutual respect among providers.[2]
	Improved Patient Outcomes	Enhance patient care quality and safety through accredited education programs that positively influence clinical practice.[1,3,4,5,6]
Nurses	Professional Growth	Foster career advancement and professional growth by implementing a competency-based, outcome-focused educational framework and ensure compliance with professional standards by meeting certification and licensure requirements.
	Work Environment	Foster a healthy work environment by engaging in continuous learning, which promotes job satisfaction and professional engagement.
Patients	Enhanced Patient Outcomes	Receive quality care from nursing staff who stay current with the latest evidence-based practices, enhancing patient safety, reducing errors, and improving health outcomes.[4,5,6]
	Quality Care and Safety Trust and Confidence	Enhance patient trust and confidence by ensuring they receive care from nurses who undergo continuous education from accredited providers.[5,6]

GETTING STARTED

- Accreditation Process: Evaluate your eligibility, familiarize yourself with the accreditation requirements, and learn about the application process: How to Start the Accreditation Process | ANCC | ANA (**nursingworld.org**)

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