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We are very pleased to announce that we received **accreditation with distinction** as an approver unit for four years from ANCC!! “With Distinction” is the highest recognition awarded by the ANCC’s Accreditation Program. Organizations accredited with distinction have completed a review without any progress report requirement.

In a separate action, we were awarded the **Premier Award** as an approver unit. From the ANCC website:

The Premier Program Award recognizes accredited organizations that excel in the provision of continuing nursing education (CNE) and organizations that excel in the approval of CNE providers. They are organizations that stand out and function at a higher level, above and beyond their peers. These organizations are exemplars offering best practice models for others in the field of continuing nursing education on their journey towards excellence.

Several of us will be accepting the award on July 16 at the ANCC CNE Symposium in Orlando. This includes Terry Pope, chair of the CE Approver Council; Pam Dickerson, member of the Council; Gingy Harshey-Meade, CEO of the Ohio Nurses Association; and myself.

**Upcoming Webinar Series:** This fall we will present a four part webinar series entitled, “Documenting Evidence of Effectiveness in your Approved Provider Unit,” from September to December. See attached advertising for details.

**Clarification** **for provider unit applicants**: When re-applying as a provider, please remember to s*ubmit* documentation for **three** sample activities that have been planned within 12 months of your Approved Provider Unit application submission date. Each activity must be at least one hour in length. This is stated in the manual; however, we have added it to the Provider Application as a reminder when completing the form.

**Guidelines for Calculating and Awarding Pharmacotherapeutic Credit for APRNs**. The ANCC Accreditation Program has released guidelines to determine what could be included in pharmacology contact hours for APRNs. They are attached as well as on the ONA website.

**Biographical Data Form.** As discussed at the Provider Updates, there is a revised bio form on the website. It was tweaked to help decrease confusion – e.g. adding content expert as a role on the planning committee; clarifying electronic signature vs. an “x”; Section 4 response area has been placed in a box so people see where to check if they or their significant other have a COI. Please be sure to use the revised bio form.

Reminder: Someone must first evaluate the nurse planner’s COI and complete Sections 6A & B, then the nurse planner needs to evaluate everyone else’s COI and complete these sections on their bio forms. The person about whom the bio form is about should complete Section 5.

**Journal Clubs that are Independent Studies:** At the Chicago Provider Update 5/5, I believe that someone mentioned that they did some Journal Clubs in an independent study method. Unfortunately, I don’t recall who said that and we have had a request from a PNP to know how they do that. If you do it that way, would you be willing to share how you do it? Thanks.

**Performance vs. Training Needs Algorithms**. Special thanks to Pamela Pfeifer for sharing two tools that have been helpful to her educators in assessing needs. They are the Performance Analysis Flow Diagram by Mager and Pipe (1997) and Learning Needs Assessment Model from Northwestern Memorial Healthcare. (Pam is Manager, Clinical Training, NM Academy, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, Chicago). The tools are attached.

**Adapted from the ANCC Directors Update: Accreditation Criteria – Information and Tips July 2014**

Attached is a new tool from ANCC entitled Evaluating Conflicts of Interest. This tool is a decision tree that may help you in determining if someone has a COI or not and actions that you might take to resolve it.

Just as a reminder:

* A commercial interest organization is an entity that produces, markets, distributes or re-sells products or services that are used by or on a patient.
* A person is considered to have a conflict of interest when 1) s/he has a financial relationship with the commercial interest organization, and 2) the CE topic is related to what the organization produces, markets, distributes or re-sells. This also includes the person’s significant other.
* Employees of a commercial entity may not participate in an educational activity if the content is related to the products or services of the commercial entity.

**ONA Website:** [**http://www.ohnurses.org/**](http://www.ohnurses.org/)

**To get to Provider Information:**

Education

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* Approved Providers (all forms/manual)
* List of Approved Providers
* Existing P.U. Resources (newsletters; samples; resources)

**Future Dates**

**2015 Provider Updates:**

4/10/15 – ONA Headquarters, Columbus, OH

4//16/15 – OCLC, Dublin, OH

Date to be determined – St. John Providence Health System, MI

5/12/15 – Edward Hospital & Health Services, Naperville

5/14/15- SIUE, Springfield, IL

We are looking for a place in the Indianapolis area as well. Please let me know if you are interested.

**10th Annual Nursing Professional Development Conference**

4/17/15 – OCLC, Dublin, OH