

ABNS is a not-for-profit, membership organization focused on improving patient outcomes and consumer protection by promoting specialty nursing certification. ABNS member organizations represent more than a half million certified registered nurses worldwide. We have a strong, unified voice with regulators, employers and the public.

#### **ABNS VISION**

Specialty nursing certification is *THE* standard by which the public recognizes quality nursing care.

#### **ABNS MISSION**

ABNS promotes the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders.

#### **ABNS VALUES**

*Integrity → Consumer Protection → Quality → Collegiality → Inclusion → Mutual Respect → Excellence*

#### **SUCCESS MARKERS**

- ABNS is the authoritative resource and voice for issues of specialty nursing certification.
- ABNS provides benefits that delight its members.
- ABNS ensures organizational vitality with sustainability.
- ABNS promotes accreditation and recognition of quality specialty nursing certification programs.
- ABNS promotes research activities to advance knowledge regarding specialty nursing certification.
- ABNS demonstrates the value of specialty nursing certification.

#### **CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

ABNS membership is the best way to connect with other nursing credentialing organizations and dialogue about the specific issues nurses face.

*Regular Membership*—specialty nursing certifying organizations that certify registered nurses exclusively, or as the major portion of their certificant population.

*Associate Membership*—specialty healthcare certifying organizations that certify registered nurses as a portion (50% or less) of their certificant population.

*Affiliate Membership*—not-for-profit and for-profit organizations that have an interest in the promotion of specialty nursing certification.

*Public Members*—representatives of healthcare consumers to the Assembly and to the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification.

#### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Network with national nursing leaders and testing experts on issues of mutual interest.
- Attend assembly meetings and educational events on a wide variety of credentialing topics.
- Connect with certification experts to create and deliver quality exams.
- Participate in collaborative research efforts focusing on the value and impact of nursing certification.
- Promote the value of specialty nursing certification.

#### **ACCREDITATION OF CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), formerly the ABNS Accreditation Council, is the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certification. ABSNC accreditation is a peer-review mechanism that allows nursing certification organizations to obtain accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry. Both ABNS members and non-members may seek accreditation.

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