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***The American Board of Nursing Specialties***

***Selects Patrick Jones, PhD, as***

***Lead Volunteer Psychometrician***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Patrick Jones, PhD, has been selected to serve as the Lead Volunteer Psychometrician for the ABNS Accreditation Council. Dr. Jones holds the position of Dean of Assessment at Excelsior College, Albany, New York. Dr. Jones brings 23 years of psychometric, research, and policy experience to the role of Lead Volunteer Psychometrician. Prior to his appointment with Excelsior College, Dr. Jones served as Executive Vice President with Professional Examination Service (PES), located in New York City. At one time, Dr. Jones served as the PES Affiliate Member Representative to ABNS.

“We are very excited about the experience, commitment and knowledge Dr. Jones will bring to ABNS and the ABNS Accreditation Council,” said Mary O’Neale, Chair of the Accreditation Council and member of the ABNS Board of Directors. “His knowledge of specialty nursing practice and related credentialing issues will be invaluable to our organization,” said Sharon Kemerer, President of ABNS.

Excelsior College, formerly known as Regents College, was founded in 1971 and is the only institution in the country offering degree programs based exclusively on outcomes-based assessment of learning. The college has approximately 20,5000 students currently enrolled, 60% of whom are in the college’s associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degree programs in nursing. Excelsior College has more than 100,000 graduates worldwide and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. All its nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The American Council on Education (ACE) recognizes Excelsior College Examinations, including a series of 20 in nursing, for the award of college-level credit.

***Editors Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is a membership organization that maintains a national peer review program for nursing specialty certification. The purposes of ABNS are to provide a forum for

nursing certification collaboration, promote the value of nursing certification to various publics and provide a mechanism for accreditation and recognition of quality nursing specialty certification. Currently, twenty ABNS Regular Member and one Associate Member Organizations represent over half a million specialty certified registered nurses and its five Affiliate Members include providers of key certification –related testing products and services. One Public Member represents the consumer’s perspectives on issues about specialty nursing certification. For further information about ABNS, visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) or email Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, Executive Director, at [ABNSCEO@aol.com](mailto:ABNSCEO@aol.com).

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