

## **CCI Receives 2016 ABNS Janel Parker Presidents Award**

***ABNS recognizes CCI for its contribution to advancing research in the specialty nursing certification field.***

**AURORA, Ohio, (April 27, 2016)**—The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) announced the Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI) as the recipient of the 2016 Janel Parker Presidents Award for its dedication to and leadership in advancing research in the specialty nursing certification field. The Janel Parker Presidents Award is given biennially to recognize an individual or organization within the ABNS membership that has made significant contributions to specialty nursing certification and to the association. The announcement was made during the ABNS Spring Assembly Meeting held in Las Vegas in March.

“The ABNS Board of Directors is happy to honor CCI with the Janel Parker Presidents award for its ongoing work to create a collaborative approach to researching the value of specialty certification’s role within nursing,” Leslie Anne Patry, RN, BScN, MScN, current ABNS President, said. “Those who have earned specialty nursing certification are keenly aware of its many intrinsic benefits; having the opportunity to measure its impacts and contributions from a research perspective only makes the certification case stronger and more visible to current nurses, employers and the public.”

CCI has a long-standing strategic research focus in the industry. To support its goal, the organization has lead or participated in a variety of activities to advance a collaborative environment in which research can succeed. CCI volunteers have served on the ABNS Research Committee and planning groups for industry-wide events discussing and supporting research.

In 2009, CCI served as a lead sponsor of the ABNS/CCI Nursing Certification & Competency Summit. The outcome of the summit was identification of research priorities that served as a springboard for further projects conducted by CCI, the American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) and the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators™ (NDNQI®).

“CCI is committed to conducting valuable research that benefits not only the nursing field but the wider professional certification industry as well,” Shannon S. Carter, EdD, CAE, CCI’s Chief Executive Officer, said.

“Research is an important element of our mission and we believe in making a valuable contribution to the industry’s efforts. We are honored to be recognized by our peers in nursing for this contribution.”

CCI was also recognized for developing the Perceived Value of Certification Tool (PVCT), a survey instrument used to measure nurses’ perceptions of the intrinsic and extrinsic rewards for certification. The PVCT has been used extensively within ABNS membership of organizations offering specialty nurse certifications. The instrument has been administered to more than 25,000 certified and non-certified nurses in a variety of specialties. The use of the PVCT has recently moved beyond nursing and has been implemented in studies measuring the value of certification among certified professionals in other industries.

***Editor’s Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties, Inc. (ABNS) is a membership organization whose mission is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders. Currently, 32 ABNS Regular Member represent nearly three quarters of a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its 14 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).

The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC) accredits 51 certification programs from 20 specialty nursing certification organizations. For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) and click on Accreditation.

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