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About ABNS



Promoting Excellence in Nursing Certification

ABNS is a not-for-profit, membership organization governed by an elected group of representatives. We are focused on improving patient outcomes and consumer protection by promoting specialty nursing certification. ABNS member organizations represent almost 750,000 certified registered nurses worldwide in a variety of settings. We have a strong, unified voice. ABNS members connect with other nursing credentialing organizations and dialogue about the specific issues nurses face.

ABNS History

Supported by funding from the Macy Foundation, ABNS was incorporated in 1991 after three years of dialogue within the nursing community to create uniformity in nursing certification and to increase public awareness of the value of quality certification to health care. Certification, as defined by the ABNS, is the formal recognition of the specialized knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by the achievement of standards identified by a nursing specialty to promote optimal health outcomes.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

ABNS Awards

The **ABNS Award for Nursing Certification Advocacy** has been developed as a means to publicly recognize organizations/facilities/departments that advocate for or promote specialty nursing certification. We believe that such advocacy ultimately leads to quality patient care.

The **Janel Parker President's 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 **ABNS Leaders' Legacy Lecture Series** recognizes the contributions of specialty nursing certification leaders. Through the Legacy Fund, ABNS honors their insights, contributions and dedication to nursing certification.

ABNS also celebrates **Member Milestones**, honoring member achievements including program and certification anniversaries.

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About ABSNC



The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), was established in 1991 as the ABNS Accreditation Council. Since 2009, the ABSNC has been a separate and autonomous accreditation board. It serves as the only accrediting body specifically dedicated to evaluating nursing certification programs. Through a peer-review mechanism, nursing certification organizations obtain accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the most rigorous industry standards.

Today, the ABSNC continues to promote its vision to be universally recognized as the pre-eminent accrediting organization for all specialty nursing and nursing associated credentialing programs. Accreditation is available for both ABNS member and non-member organizations.

ABSNC Mission

To promote excellence in health care through the application of rigorous accreditation processes.

ABSNC Vision

To be universally recognized as the pre-eminent accrediting organization for all specialty nursing and nursing associated credentialing programs.

ABSNC Core Values

Excellence Education Service Integrity Leadership

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Sandra Lee Schafer Research Grant and Scholarship, Sponsored by ABNS and ABSNC



Sandra Lee Schafer Research Grant

The Sandra Lee Schafer ABNS Research Grant honors Sandra (Sandy) Lee Schafer, RN, MN, AOCN, Director of Credentialing for the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC), 2004 - 2018. Sandy died peacefully in her sleep in December 2018.

Sandy led HPCC's seven certification programs and was instrumental in credentialing tens of thousands of nurses and other members of the interdisciplinary team. Sandy was dedicated to HPCC, always displayed great passion for professional certification, and worked tirelessly to promote the value of certification.

Sandy was passionate about nursing, certification, and professional development, especially palliative and oncology nursing. She encouraged and mentored many nurses.

Prior to joining HPCC, Sandy worked for 25 years as an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist at UPMC Shadyside in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sandy earned both her BSN and MSN degrees at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Due to her passion and enthusiasm, Sandy had developed one of the most extensive networks of professional colleagues that I have ever seen," said Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPCC. "No matter what city we were in for a meeting or event, Sandy was always reaching out to 'catch up' with her colleagues there...Sandy touched many lives, and we will all cherish the memories of this smart, kind, and passionate colleague." Sandy's concern and kindness toward her colleagues was unparalleled.

Sandy was a member and past president of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). She served as the founding president for the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of ONS and co-founded Camp Raising Spirit, which provides a weekend retreat for individuals with cancer and their guests. She served in leadership positions locally and nationally with the American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania State Cancer Pain Initiative, and the Pennsylvania Society of Oncology and Hematology.

Sandy was an enthusiastic and active member of both the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE), a member of the American Pain Society, American Society of Pain Management Nurses, and Sigma Theta Tau. She contributed to three cancer nursing books, and gave numerous presentations locally and nationally on credentialing, pain management, and cancer care. She was also an active member of Our Lady of Grace Church in Scott Township, PA, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Sandy's insightful comments and enthusiastic presence will be missed at ABNS meetings. Through this grant, the Accreditation Board for Nursing Specialty Certification (ABSNC) and ABNS hope to encourage others to carry on Sandy's tradition of enthusiasm and insight.

Sandra Lee Schafer Scholarship

ABSNC and ABNS are joint sponsors of the Sandra Lee Schafer ABNS Scholarship. Sandra Lee (Sandy) Schafer participated enthusiastically in ABNS. She mentored many professionals and strongly advocated for nursing specialty certification. In December 2018, Sandy passed away. To honor her memory, ABSNC and ABNS have collaborated to establish the Sandra Lee Schafer ABNS Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to cover the cost of the registration fee and contribute toward the travel expenses related to participating in ABNS Conferences. The Sandra Lee Schafer ABNS Scholarship is an annual award.

The application will be available online from September 1 until November 30 and the recipient(s) will be announced in January.

Conference Information

Evaluation

In order to receive your certificate of completion and CE, you must complete the survey for ONLY those sessions that you attended. Even if you do not require CE, we kindly ask that you complete this survey as your comments and suggestions are very valuable to us. Complete the survey at <http://nursingcertification.org/survey>. You will receive your certificate by email upon completion.

Continuing Education Credits

ABNS awards Nursing CE for nurses and advanced practice nurses and association executives.

ABNS calculates the maximum number of education credit hours (per person) for the conference to be 8.50 hours per person.

- This activity has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing for approval to award nursing contact hours.
- This activity has been approved by the ASAE for continuing education hours.

Each attendee, after completion of the conference survey, will receive a certificate indicating the number and type of credits earned.

2021 Fall Conference Sponsors



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<http://www.aanpcert.org>

Friday Lunch Sponsor

The **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB)** is an independent, non-profit certifying body whose purpose is to provide a valid and reliable program for the evaluation of individuals wishing to enter, continue, and/or advance in the NP profession through the certification process. AANPCB offers certification for Family NPs, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NPs, and Emergency NPs. Recertification is available to AANPCB-certified Adult NPs and Gerontologic NPs.



<http://nbcrna.com>

Friday Morning Breakfast Sponsor

The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) is the nation's certifying body for the initial, continued, and subspecialty certification of the more than 55,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). Our primary responsibility is to guard the well-being of the public by seeking to ensure that those who secure the CRNA credential have the necessary knowledge and skills to practice safely and effectively. We accomplish our mission through the development and implementation of credentialing programs that support lifelong learning among nurse anesthetists.



<http://oncc.org>

Saturday Morning Breakfast Sponsor

At ONCC, we believe certification makes good oncology nurses even better. As the premier provider of nationally accredited certification for nurses in oncology and related specialties, ONCC has been setting the standard for professional practice in cancer care since 1986. Today, there are nearly 42,000 certified oncology nurses working every day to make our vision a reality – that oncology care across the continuum is provided by oncology certified professionals.



<http://bcen.org>

Friday Morning Break Sponsor

The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN®) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that develops robust certification programs for emergency, transport and trauma nurses. Emergency nurses – whether they work in general or pediatric emergency care, flight and critical care ground transport, or trauma settings – must be at the peak of caregiving excellence. Board certification is a professionally recognized achievement and sought-after mark of excellence that validates specialty knowledge and expertise and empowers nurses to impact patient care, safety and outcomes.



<http://cnetnurse.com>

Friday Afternoon Break Sponsor

The Center for Nursing Education and Testing, Inc. (C-NET), a testing agency incorporated in New Jersey in 1992, provides a full range of test development and administration services to meet nursing's assessment needs.



**PEDIATRIC NURSING
CERTIFICATION BOARD**

<http://pncb.org>

Saturday Morning Break Sponsor

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB®) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that offers respected certification programs for pediatric nurses and pediatric nurse practitioners, as well as for advanced practice nurses providing care for children and teens with developmental, behavioral, or mental health conditions in primary care settings. More than 50,000 nursing professionals hold a PNCB credential, and they take care of some of the most vulnerable patients. PNCB recertification and continuing education supports continuing competence for nurses and optimal outcomes for a child's today – and tomorrow.

Conference Schedule

(Subject to change) Visit <http://nursingcertification.org/schedule> for the most current schedule.

Time	Friday, Oct 8	Room
7:45 - 9am	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Breakfast</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NBCRNA National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists</p>	
8 - 8:45am CE/CAE: 0.75	<p><i>Session 1. ABSNC Accreditation Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Preston, DNSc, CRNA, FNAP, APN; ABSNC President; Chicago, Illinois <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and update of ABSNC accreditation activities. 2. Review standards, updates and changes. 	Signature Ballroom
8:45 - 9:15am CE/CAE: 0.50	<p><i>Session 2. ABNS Assembly Meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri Hinkley, EdD, MBA, BScN, RN, CAE; ABNS President; Pitman, New Jersey <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe key initiatives that ABNS is exploring. 2. Discuss open elected positions in the organization. <p><u>Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Review/ Approval of the Agenda • Approval of Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2021 ○ Executive Office Report - October 2021 • Introduction of ABNS Board of Directors & Staff • Recognition of First Time Attendees • Committee/Liaison Reports and Updates • Recruiting for Committee Positions • Review of Certification Surveys/Projects • Conferences Beginning Spring 2022 • Anniversaries & Milestones • Old/New Business 	Signature Ballroom

Time	Friday, Oct 8	Room
9:15 - 10am CE/CAE: 0.75	<p>Session 3. Update on CFPN Credential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carissa Homme, PhD, PMP; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado • James Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR®, CSSM (E)®; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado • Shannon Maio, BA, MA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado • Lisa Alikhan, BA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detail the demographic shift in the specialty of perioperative nursing. 2. Describe one challenge of working with early career nurses. 3. Articulate the utility of self-assessment instruments of nursing competency. 4. List one key learning point for the use of project management in the development of certifications. 	Signature Ballroom
10 - 10:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
10:30 - 12noon CE/CAE: 1.50	<p>Session 4. Diagnostic Errors: Nurses and Nurse Practitioner Partnerships for Accurate Diagnosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew P. J. Olson, MD, FACP, FAAP; University of Minnesota Medical School; Minneapolis <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the burden and etiology of diagnostic errors in health care. 2. Discuss the role of teamwork - especially that involving nurses - in improving diagnostic performance. 3. Identify potential barriers to improving diagnosis through teamwork. 	Signature Ballroom

Time	Friday, Oct 8	Room
12noon - 1:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
1:30 - 3pm CE/CAE: 1.00	<p>Session 5. Vaccine Hesitancy & The Nurses Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Altman, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN-K; American Association of Critical-Care Nurses; Richmond, Virginia <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe common areas of misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines that contribute to vaccine hesitancy. Discuss how to counter misinformation and vaccine hesitancy based on evidence. <p><u>Session Details:</u></p> <p>Part 1: A 30-minute pre-recorded presentation by Dr. Marian Altman. Part 2: A 1-hour audience/attendee participation panel, please be prepared to discuss Vaccine Hesitancy issues within your organization. In-person and virtual attendees are invited to participate, if you would like to designate a contact person to speak on your organizations behalf please contact the ABNS Executive Office.</p>	Signature Ballroom
3 - 3:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	

Time	Friday, Oct 8	Room
3:30 - 5pm CE/CAE: 1.00	<p>Session 6. Update on California Legislation AB890</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tay Kopanos, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP; VP Government Affairs; American Association of Nurse Practitioners; Austin, Texas <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the political landscape impacting nursing licensure nationally and how that shaped California's new law. Articulate the impact of a state-based certification requirement. Discuss the role of certifying boards in response and in future legislative efforts impacting certification exams and the profession. 	Signature Ballroom
5:30 - 6:30pm	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p>Sponsored By:</p> 	

Time	Saturday, Oct 9	Room
7:30 - 8:30am	<p align="center"><i>Breakfast</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> 	Signature Ballroom
8:30 - 10am CE/CAE: 1.50	<p><i>Session 7. Creating the 21st Century Nursing Workforce Needed by Society: Building on Our Strengths to Address Post Pandemic Health Needs of Society</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter I. Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP(h); Montana State University, College of Nursing; Bozeman, Montana <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss pre- and post-pandemic trends in employment for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing aides and assistants. 2. Discuss trends in the pandemic's impact on unemployment of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing aides and assistants by employment setting and racial composition. 3. Describe the implications of the immediate impacts of the pandemic on potential shortages of nurses. 4. Describe the factors driving entry and exit from the nursing workforce, and their implications for the future number of nurses over the current decade. 	Signature Ballroom

Time	Saturday, Oct 9	Room
10 - 10:30am	<p align="center"><i>Break</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Sponsored By:</i></p> <div align="center">  <p>PEDiatric NURSING CERTIFICATION BOARD</p> </div>	
10:30 - 11am CE/CAE: 0.50	<p><i>Session 8. Addressing the Psychometric Challenges of Dual-Mode Test Delivery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brett Foley, PhD; Alpine Testing Solutions Corina M. Owens, PhD; Alpine Testing Solutions <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how differences in candidate experience and security and delivery modes can threaten the validity of credentialing decisions. Learn how critical evaluation of delivery modes and accompanying policy updates can help to ensure the psychometric equivalence of examinee results across modes. 	Signature Ballroom
11 - 11:30am CE/CAE: 0.50	<p><i>Session 9. To Launch or Not: Measuring Feasibility for a New Certification Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia Allen, MA; SeaCrest; Alexandria, Virginia <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguish between credentialing products (certificate vs certification). Provide a framework for their association's leadership to adequately consider starting a new program or credentialing product. Improve their management of the process to start a new certification program. 	Signature Ballroom

Time	Saturday, Oct 9	Room
11:30 - 12noon CE/CAE: 0.50	<p><i>Session 10. Doubling down on DEI - An Organizational Initiative to Diversify, Engage, and Include</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Alikhan, BA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado • James Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR®, CSSM (E)®; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado • Lisa Rosenfield, MA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado <p><u>Learner Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the importance, and rationale of a DEI initiative to the Competency & Credentialing Institute's (CCI) strategic plan. 2. Describe how CCI incorporated core principles of DEI into the design of their Diversity Initiative. 3. Describe how to develop a DEI initiative to satisfy the needs of multiple stakeholders. 4. Explain primary considerations to ensure a successful DEI initiative. 	Signature Ballroom

Conference Faculty

Lisa Alikhan, BA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado

Lisa Alikhan is Senior Manager of Governance and Accreditation for Competency & Credentialing Institute. She has responsibility and oversight for certification compliance and accreditation, and is responsible to ensure certification programs are accredited and administered in compliance with Standards for Accreditation, and industry best practices. She is currently leading the implementation of CCI's first formal QA program, and efforts for initial accreditation of CCI's CNAMB program. Previously, Lisa led a governance restructure at CCI, resulting in the establishment of a Certification Council, and later the CCI Research Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) affiliate organization. Lisa has actively consulted for several specialty nursing organizations, including the National Board for the Certification of School Nurses, the National Institute for First Assisting, and the National Assistant at Surgery Certification, and has contributed to the development and accreditation of multiple certification programs. Prior to CCI, she worked for the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses, where she played a vital role in launching the Nurse Executive Leadership Division, (now the Center for Nursing Leadership), and led program development and implementation for industry sponsored education. Lisa began her association career with AORN managing education programs and workshops, CE administration, and logistics for the annual convention tradeshow. Lisa is a lifelong learner and has completed certificate program offerings from the Institute of Credentialing Excellence. She has a Certificate in Project Management from CSU, a Certificate in Program Planning from LERN Institute, and a Bachelors from Loyola University.

Cynthia Allen, MA; SeaCrest; Alexandria, Virginia

Cynthia co-founded SeaCrest in 2006 with partner, Janice Moore. Utilizing more than 16 years of experience in certification program development and maintenance, accreditation, project management, and marketing/communications, she provides strategic guidance to organizations seeking ways to improve their programs and communicate better with stakeholders. She supports SeaCrest's overall belief that certification programs, no matter the size or scope, can make a positive impact. Cynthia's focus at SeaCrest is to build relationships with clients, serve as a strategic partner to volunteer and staff leaders, and provide experienced project management. As an active member of the credentialing community, she believes in sharing knowledge and experience to build a stronger and connected credentialing community. Cynthia is a long-time member and volunteer of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE), currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Certification Network Group (CNG), and has shared her experience through speaking engagements at conferences and webinars hosted by ICE, the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS), and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). Cynthia studied marketing and communications at Virginia Tech and earned a Master's degree in journalism at New York University. She is a fierce fan of the Virginia Tech Hokies and enjoys spending time with her husband and two children (also loyal Hokies fans). While she may live inside the DC Beltway, collaboration and teamwork with clients and staff are essential to her working style and to delivering top-notch results.

Marian Altman, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN-K; American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

Marian Altman is a clinical practice specialist at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), where she serves as lead faculty for the AACN Clinical Scene Investigator (CSI) Academy, a nurse innovation and leadership development program. Altman's 37-year nursing career encompasses roles as both direct care and advanced practice nurse, as well as earning her PhD in Nursing in 2017. She received the Borlick Nursing Research Award for her work examining moral distress in critical care nurses. Marian lectures nationally on a broad range of healthcare topics and has published in peer-reviewed journals and nursing textbooks. Marian is AACN's representative on the American Nurses Association collaborative task force COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses.

Peter I. Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP(h); Montana State University, College of Nursing; Bozeman, Montana

Dr. Peter Buerhaus is a nurse and a healthcare economist who is well known for his studies on the nursing and physician workforces in the United States. He is a Professor of Nursing and Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies at the College of Nursing, Montana State University. Before coming to Montana State University, Dr. Buerhaus was the Valere Potter Distinguished Professor of Nursing and Sr. Associate Dean for Research at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Professor of Health Policy at Vanderbilt University, and assistant professor of health policy and management at Harvard School of Public Health. He served as assistant to the chief executive of the University of Michigan's 7 teaching hospitals and to the Vice Provost for Medical Affairs at the University of Michigan. He has published nearly 160 peer-reviewed articles, with five publications designated as "Classics" by the Federal Government's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Buerhaus was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1994, elected into the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine in 2003 (now the National Academy of Medicine), and is an honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Dr. Buerhaus has been awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Maryland and from Loyola University, Chicago. In 2010, Dr. Buerhaus was appointed Chair of the National Health Care Workforce Commission that was created under the Affordable Care Act to advise Congress and the Administration on health workforce policy. He recently served as a member of the National Academy of Sciences National Academy of Medicine Committee on the Future of Nursing, 2020-2030.

Brett Foley, PhD; Alpine Testing Solutions

Brett is Director of Professional Credentialing and a Senior Psychometrician at Alpine Testing Solutions. He has worked with many types of testing programs in licensure, certification, and education. Dr. Foley received his Ph.D. in Quantitative, Qualitative, and Psychometric Methods from the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a past-president of the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association. He currently serves as a Consulting Editor for the Journal of Educational Psychology and on the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects as the Public Member. His research interests include standard setting, policy considerations in testing, and using visual displays to inform the test development process.

Terri Hinkley, EdD, MBA, BScN, RN, CAE; Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board; ABNS President; Pitman, New Jersey

Terri was hired by the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) in August 2017. Terri has over 32 years in acute care nursing in the healthcare setting. She has nine years of association management staff experience, having held executive positions in both individual membership associations and certification boards where she is responsible for strategic planning with her volunteer boards and translating that strategy into operations with her staff. Terri has a keen interest in the future of work and learning given today's volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous (VUCA) environment. In her former role, Terri implemented a new certification product, intended to be the foundational credential for a robust pipeline of microcredentials that can be taken as individuals grow professionally. Terri was elected as the President of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) in July 2021 and is a Director on the Board of Directors for the Institute of Credentialing Excellence. Terri received her RN from Centennial College, BScN from York University, an Executive MBA from Athabasca University, and an Ed.D. in the Executive Leadership (ELP) Human and Organizational Learning (HOL) Program at the George Washington University.

Carissa Homme, PhD, PMP; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado

Carissa is Senior Manager of Test Development and Certification at the Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI) in Englewood, Colorado. CCI, a nonprofit certification leader in the perioperative nursing community, has been supporting nurses in their professional development journey for over 40 years. Carissa oversees exam development, customer care, project management, and volunteer coordination for the CNOR, CSSM, CNAMB, CNS-CP, and CFPN credentials. She holds a PhD and MS from the Colorado School of Mines and a BS from the University of Wyoming. In 2020 Carissa obtained her PMP® certification through the Project Management Institute. Carissa serves on the University of Colorado Advisory Board for the Customer Experience Certificate Program in the Leeds School of Business. Carissa has published and presented at the national level on certification and research topics.

Tay Kopanos, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP; VP Government Affairs; American Association of Nurse Practitioners; Austin, Texas

Dr. Tay Kopanos is the Vice President of State Government Affairs for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners where she oversees the state advocacy program for AANP. Prior to coming to AANP, Dr. Kopanos served on several state and national public policy committees focusing on improving healthcare access, effective care delivery and health workforce development. Tay draws from over two decades of clinical and policy experience to inform workforce and health care policy. Under her direction, AANP has successfully overseen the passage of hundreds of state laws in support of NPs and their patients.

Shannon Maio, BA, MA; Competency & Credentialing Institute; Englewood, Colorado

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