Welcome back to the exciting world of continuing nursing education and professional development!

It has been a busy fall for all of us and with a highly successful annual provider and individual activity workshop it is timely to send out the newsletter. As your Nurse Peer Review Leader and colleague, I wanted to personally thank you for your time, commitment and patience as we moved all of us towards the 2015 ANCC Standards and Guidelines. My wonderful team of Nurse Peer Reviewers are reporting better compliance, accuracy and improved turnaround times with the new forms and applications.

Our 9th annual PU and Activity Applicant Workshop was well attended with representation from three states from large to small medical centers, clinics, non-profit organization and independent educational providers. The day was jammed packed with opportunities to develop an educational activity, innovative ways to evaluate the activity and review of the new WSNA-A-CNE forms.

Another new event has been the by-monthly webinars for you our customers which have been highly attended to the point we have crashed our website! These are less formal and provide not only updates but opportunities to share and ask questions. They are now recorded for future reference.

Finally, the other big piece of news is that WSNA-A-CNE Approver Unit has been accredited until 2020! This was a huge undertaking with a complete overhaul of our program with the 2015 Guidelines and Standards. It took a team to pull it off as one of the first in the nation.

On the horizon, ANCC is moving into a web based portal for our annual reporting this year. These are the reports that you provide regarding your activities, attendance, etc. on an excel spreadsheet. The ANCC’s Nursing Activity Reporting System (NARS) is a web-based portal designed to streamline and support the collection of program and activity data from Accredited Providers, Accredited Approvers, and Approved Providers (Providers approved by an ANCC Accredited Approver Unit). The ANCC uses the information in NARS to evaluate/support provider accreditation criterion which is a part of the educational design process for initial accreditation, reaccreditation, and progress report reviews. WSNA-A-CNE felt that moving all PUs in this direction would be better served by piloting the new portal with three Approved Provider Units over the next couple of months. ANCC will be providing training over the next few months. We will keep you posted on our website and with our webinars.

Do not forget your annual report is due no later than Feb 28, 2017! Contact Kathryn MacLeod if you need assistance.
APPROVAL WITH DISTINCTION

Congratulations to the Kootenai Health Provider Unit Primary Nurse Planner and her team to be recognized as a PU with Distinction in 2016.

APPROVED PROVIDERS – MUST PROVIDE NOT APPROVE CNE ACTIVITIES

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INFORMATION AND TIPS FOR APPROVED PROVIDER UNIT (REPRINTED FROM ANCC DIRECTOR’S REPORT)

COMMERCIAL INTEREST

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

✓ If a CI supports the mobile app, can there be a landing page when it first opens that contains the name of the CI and logo? The logo of a commercial interest organization is not permitted if there is educational content that is linked through the app. If there is no educational content, this requirement does not apply. This is similar to the principle of an agenda book without educational content; the app is the agenda book in an electronic environment.

✓ Can there be a button to link out to “Advertisement” and if yes, can CI logos be used there? See above re: educational content.

✓ If there is a link to exhibitors, can logos be used with the name of the exhibitor? See above re: educational content.

✓ Is there any written guidance regarding mobile apps to assist the Provider with remaining compliant with ANCC criteria? The principles of independence as outlined in our ANCC Content Integrity Standards (and ACCME SCS) apply to your questions above.

Changes to the Accreditation with Distinction statement: On November 28th, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) passed a motion allowing organizations who are accredited with distinction to use this designation. This includes Approved Providers within the Accredited Approver Units. Effective immediately organizations that are accredited with distinction may use the following statements:

APPROVED PROVIDERS: [INSERT NAME OF APPROVED PROVIDER] is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the [insert organization name], an accredited approver with distinction, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Approval of IAA: This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the [insert organization name], an accredited approver with distinction, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Pending IAA: This activity has been submitted to [insert organization name] for approval to award contact hours. [insert organization name] is accredited with distinction as an approver of continuing nursing education.
This person may help with or manage marketing of an activity, including posts on social media, printing and distribution of flyers or program books, and handling registration. This does not mean that the planning committee and the Nurse Planner can leave it all to the CE specialist. The role of the Nurse Planner is to define, develop, evaluate, and examines the reason that the need exists and considers the educational strategies that will most appropriately address that need.

During an activity, the CE Specialist:
- Helps with the physical set up for a class.
- Coordinates registration.
- Ensures that audiovisual equipment is present and in working order.
- Greets participants.
- Answers questions.
- Provides directions to classrooms and restrooms.
- Ensures an orderly flow to the class, workshop, or conference.

This person may also serve as a room monitor, timekeeper, nonparticipant observer for evaluation purposes, and resource person for the speaker. The CE Specialist can collect evaluation data and distribute contact hour certificates at the end of a session. In a webinar, or for enduring material that is Web-based or on a learning management system, he or she often becomes the technology expert in uploading materials, ensuring learner access, and troubleshooting issues.

Following the activity, the CE Specialist writes thank you e-mails to speakers; collates evaluation data; participates in postactivity analysis with the nurse planner and members of the planning committee; and makes suggestions for development, implementation, and evaluation of future activities based on the current experience. He or she finalizes documentation and closes the activity file.

Approved Providers- Must PROVIDE not approve CNE activities

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An ANCC Approved Provider is NOT permitted to approve an educational activity that has been planned without the direct involvement of a Nurse Planner.
In October, 2015, I embarked on a new experience with WSNA. After many years as a Primary Nurse Planner for three different organizations I joined the A-CNE (formally CEARP) Committee as a Nurse Reviewer. It has been a journey guided by Heather Stephen-Selby and my extraordinary mentor Carla Grant. They have patiently given policy and procedure information, then expertly precepted me through the process of approval of applications from many of you.

I enjoy seeing the educational activities available to nurses in our region. The criteria provided by ANCC which our committee uses to approve activities assures nurses they are receiving well planned and educationally sound offerings. Being involved gives me the satisfaction of continuing to help nurses receive quality education a passion throughout my career.

I would encourage anyone who is even slightly interested to contact Heather. The committee is hard working, but lots of fun. We are a supportive team and share the work happily. I am leading a very active retirement with lots of travel and helping home school my 10 year old granddaughter. Being a committee member is a great way to stay involved in my beloved profession. Vicki Enslow, NPR

I have spent the past several years as a Primary Nurse Planner for numerous Faculty Directed Activities at my organization. Then, in October 2015, I had the privilege to become a part of the WSNA A-CNE Committee. This opportunity has been pivotal in my continued professional and personal growth. Heather Stephen-Selby, our Assistant Director, works tirelessly to assure that we have the latest materials available to promote a review process that is meaningful to both the applicant and the reviewer in producing a quality educational offering. My wonderful mentor, Lisa Leurquin-Hallett, continues to be a source of wisdom and learning for me. The other members of the committee have been equally generous with time and support as they helped guide me through the approval process of a number of applications.

If anyone is interested in becoming a nurse reviewer, please contact Heather. I have never worked with a more gifted, knowledgeable and supportive group of people who give so freely of their time and talents to support each other and the quality of nursing education. It can be challenging and time-consuming work, but you will be surrounded by your other committee members, who will support your success and always be there for you. In addition, you will have the opportunity to see what a variety of educational opportunities are being offered across many settings. Diana Graham, NPR

**Featured Journal Articles**

- Sue Johnson and Mary Kay Scheller are both published in the July issues of 2 professional nursing journals:

**EXAMPLE OF EDP1 AND EDP2 IN PRACTICE**

Here is an example of how EDP1 and EDP2 were applied in the setting of a hospital emergency room.

1. **What is the problem?**

**Problem:** There is a significant number of patient falls in the emergency room.

**Current State vs. Desired State:**

**Current state**- there is a significant number of patients falling in the emergency room.

**Desired State**- decrease the number of patient falls in the emergency room. (You can use nursing reporting and safety data reports to verify the number of falls occurring in the emergency room.)

2. **Why is there a need for an educational activity related to the topic of falls in the emergency room?**

At this stage in the process you have addressed that there is a problem with patients falling. Now you need to ask the question why this problem exists?

**Do the nurses have a gap in knowledge, skills, or practice?** (Drill down to the root cause of the problem.)

In this specific example it was found that the majority of patient falls were occurring in patients under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Knowing this information will help you to develop an educational activity to meet the needs of your specific learners.
**FINAL REMINDERS**

**New for Provider Units**
Gap Analysis and General Education Worksheet have been combined for greater ease for your nurse planners!

The revised guidelines for Provider Units Guidelines 2015 has also been posted based on your feedback for greater ease of use.

**New for Individual Activity Applicants**
Gap Analysis and General Education Worksheet have been combined for greater ease! please begin using Jan. 3, 2017.

Also if you are making any changes to your currently approved activities there is a new Change Form for your ease to identify the changes and potentially preventing you from having to complete an entirely new application to maintain your two year approval.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**WSNA-A-CNE Provider Unit and Activity Applicant By-monthly Meeting (NEW)**
Mon, Feb 6, 2017 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com...
https://global.gotomeeting.com...

You can also dial in using your phone. United States (Toll-free) +1 (408) 650-3123 +1 (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 959-842-701

**ANCC Annual Symposium on Continuing Nursing Education**
July 15-18, 2017 New Orleans

Next Annual Provider and Activity Applicant update October 20, 2017
Northwest Kidney Center

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**JOIN WSNA AS A REVIEWER**

**Be a Part of WSNA’s A-CNE Approval Process**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Continuing Education Approver CE Review Committee, please contact Kathryn at 206-575-7979, ext. 3011 or kmacleod@wsna.org