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 nearly 750,000 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 ensures organizational vitality with sustainability.
- ABNS advances knowledge regarding specialty nursing certification through research.
- ABNS supports continuing competence as a means for ensuring patient safety.
- ABNS promotes accreditation to recognize quality specialty nursing certification programs.

**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.
- **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 certification programs.
- 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), 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 ABSNC accreditation.