

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.