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## **ABSNC Grants Initial Accreditation to the American Nurses Credentialing Center**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL May 11, 2017** —The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC), announced it has granted initial accreditation to the American Nurses Credentialing Center for the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS-BC) certification program.

ABSNC accreditation is a peer-reviewed mechanism that allows nursing certifying organizations to obtain program accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards in the industry.

“Accreditation is a highly desirable distinction for specialty nursing certifying organizations,” said Dottie Roberts, EdD, MSN, MACI, RN, OCNS-C®, CMSRN, ABSNC Accreditation Manager. “To earn this prestigious recognition, applicant organizations must demonstrate compliance with 18 ABSNC standards in the development and maintenance of a quality certification program.”

“The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is proud and honored to receive initial accreditation of its Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS) board certification,” said Kathy Chappell, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, ANCC’s Senior Vice President, Accreditation, Certification, Measurement and the Institute for Credentialing Research. “The ABSNC rigorous accreditation process further demonstrates ANCC’s commitment to developing a certification that meets a higher national standard.

“The AGCNS certification is used for licensure and aligns with the requirements of the national Consensus Model for APRN Regulation,” said ANCC Executive Director/ Executive Vice President Loressa Cole, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE, NEA-BC. “This prestigious accreditation supports the ANCC mission to fulfill its strategic vision of nursing excellence, quality care, and improved patient outcomes.”

ABSNC is the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certification. Currently ABSNC accredits more than 60 certification programs from 20 specialty nursing certification organizations. The accreditation standards offered by ABSNC include Examination-Based Certification Programs, Portfolio

Assessment Certification Programs, and Assessment-Based Certificate Programs. For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) (> About ABSNC) or contact Dottie Roberts, ABSNC Accreditation Manager ([absnc@nursingcertification.org](mailto:absnc@nursingcertification.org), [205-795-7127](tel:205-795-7127)).