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ANCC and WGU to Partner on Use of Nurse Credentialing Exams

Western Governors University will Conduct Pilot Program Using ANCC Certification Tests for Master's Degree Competency Assessments

Western Governors University (WGU), www.wgu.edu, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), www.nursecredentialing.org, have agreed to work together on a pilot program that will evaluate the use of ANCC's Nurse Executive Certification examination as the exit exam, the final milestone required for successful completion of WGU's master's degree in Nursing Leadership and Management. The two-year program will allow online, competency-based WGU to utilize a recognized, industry-standard examination as part of its degree program. In addition, it will provide ANCC with data regarding the qualification for certification of students who complete their master's degrees in nursing using this type of academic model.

As part of the pilot program, ANCC and WGU will also develop opportunities for nurses who have already earned the Nurse Executive Certification to accelerate completion of their master's degrees through WGU.

ANCC Executive Director Jeanne Floyd, PhD, RN, CAE, commented, "The collaboration with WGU is an excellent opportunity for ANCC to align its certifications with the needs of nursing school graduates. This program would provide a comprehensive assessment of students' knowledge and abilities culminating with their ANCC Nurse Executive certification."

"At WGU, our degree programs frequently require students to demonstrate competency in their fields by successfully completing assessments and exams developed by professional accrediting agencies," said WGU President Robert Mendenhall. "ANCC sets the standard for nurse credentialing throughout the world, so using the Nurse Executive Exam for our M.S.N program will help ensure that our graduates are well prepared to be leaders in the field of nursing."

About the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program® and the Pathway to Excellence™ Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs.

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