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AFN Receives ANCC Accreditation

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The Academy of Forensic Nursing achieved re-accreditation for nursing continuing professional development (NCPD) in July from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). This program recognizes organizations that provide continuing education for registered nurses that is free from commercial influence and developed using evidence-based criteria.

“The goal of AFN educational offerings is to promote generalist forensic education, research, and service for all of our members and our interdisciplinary partners,” said AFN Education Director Angelia Trujillo. “We also strive to promote awareness of new programs, new research, and promising practices across our platforms.”

The Academy received its first accreditation through ANCC in 2021. Trujillo, who took the lead as the organization’s first education director earlier in 2023, said this accreditation is “a representation of the quality of nursing education that AFN is able to offer members and non-members via webinars, bootcamps, plus regional and national conferences.”

Most of the educational offerings on the AFN learning management system can be accessed on-demand and offer continuing education credits. AFN members receive discounted rates for these courses, as well as free access to live Wednesday Webinars. For a full list of courses, visit:

<https://goafn.thinkific.com>

For more information about the ANCC Accreditation Model, go to: www.nursingworld.org/ncpd

Forensic Nursing Certification Board (FNCB)- Global Change

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In 2018, the Forensic Nursing Certification Board (FNCB) embarked on finishing the research to support forensic nurse certifications. Led by the Former IAFN (2003-4) and current FNCB President and Principal Investigator, Dr. Speck completed nine consensus meetings among forensic nurse leaders, educators, and providers. After 20 years, the Delphi study and qualitative analysis was complete.

Transparency and sharing make FNCB’s global outreach successful! Working with universities and colleges of nursing in interested countries, the FNCB disseminates the evidence for aligning forensic nursing with the country’s nursing competencies, helping to establish pedagogical frameworks for the programs of study globally. The core curriculum is culturally humble, trauma-informed, and addresses the essential elements in a country’s unique educational

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system and the outreach that builds on Virginia Lynch's legacy and her commitment to the forensic nurse specialty practices.

To participate in the revolution to establish forensic nursing globally, teams of faculties representing multiple universities and providers of forensic nursing care communicate with FNCB to gain access to the established FNCB Core Competencies, the developing curriculum and scientific evidence for practice. All are welcome!

If your University, College, or School of Nursing is interested in aligning with the FNCB pedagogical efforts, please reach out to the [Forensic Nursing Certification Board](#) through:

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