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## **ANCC AND ISONG ANNOUNCE THE FIRST CERTIFICATION THROUGH PORTFOLIO CREDENTIAL FOR ADVANCED GENETICS NURSING**

**SILVER SPRING, Md. — December 17, 2014 —** The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) today announced the launch of a new certification through portfolio for advanced genetics nursing. This new certification serves to validate advanced genetics nurses' unique knowledge, skills, and contributions to patient care delivery. ANCC supports ISONG members and all advanced genetics nurses worldwide in their pursuit to be certified in their specialty area. The new certification program is available now at [www.nursecredentialing.org/AdvancedGenetics](http://www.nursecredentialing.org/AdvancedGenetics).

The ANCC certification through portfolio is an alternative assessment method for credentialing individual registered nurses in their specialty area. Nurses document their skills, knowledge, abilities, and career accomplishments as part of the application and assessment process. Certification through portfolio requires rigor equivalent to that of examinations to meet accrediting bodies' criteria to determine proficiency through a peer review process informed by nurse experts.

Nurses certified through the ANCC portfolio assessment method are regarded as experts in their specialties and are considered to be among the highest-qualified nurses in the world. These credentials foster both professional growth and job satisfaction while demonstrating a nurse's commitment to providing excellent care.

"Certification through portfolio is an excellent method for credentialing and will greatly serve the nursing profession. We look forward to continuing a productive collaboration with ISONG and its members to maintain and support certification in advanced genetics nursing," said ANCC Executive Vice President and Chief Officer Linda C. Lewis, MSA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE.

"We are honored to collaborate with ANCC in providing the portfolio credentialing option for advanced genetics nursing. ANCC board certification provides a credible means for ISONG members and all advanced genetics nurses to validate their knowledge, engage in lifelong

learning, and be recognized for their passion, commitment, and vital contributions,” stated ISONG President, Sheila Alexander.

ANCC incorporates the latest nursing practice standards, ensuring that nurses are credentialed using the most current criteria. The ability to operationalize and administer individual credentialing programs is a core competency for ANCC, which is the only nurse credentialing organization to achieve ISO 9001:2008 certification in the design, development, and delivery of global credentialing services for nurses and healthcare organizations.

### **About ANCC**

The mission of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), is to promote excellence in nursing and health care globally through credentialing programs. ANCC’s internationally renowned credentialing programs certify and recognize individual nurses in specialty practice areas. ANCC recognizes healthcare organizations that promote nursing excellence and quality patient outcomes while providing safe, positive work environments. In addition, ANCC accredits healthcare organizations that provide and approve continuing nursing education. ANCC is the first and only healthcare certification organization in the United States to have successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification. Visit [www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)

### **About ISONG**

The mission of ISONG is to serve both the nursing profession and the public. ISONG fosters and advocates for the scientific and professional development of its members and the nursing community in the discovery, interpretation, application, and management of genomic information for the promotion of the public’s health and well-being. The vision of ISONG is to care for people’s genetic and genomic health throughout the life span and across the continuum of health and disease. Visit [www.isong.org](http://www.isong.org)

