

THE AMERICAN HOLISTIC NURSES CERTIFICATION CORPORATION

APPLICATION PACKET
FOR
PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT FOR
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
SCHOOLS OF NURSING



April 11, 2008

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT:
APPLICATION FORM**

To be completed by Applicant School:

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone for contact person _____

FAX number _____

email address _____

Name, title and credentials of chief nursing administrator

Name, title and credential of lead faculty, HN-BC or AHN-BC certified

Application date _____

To be completed by AHNCC:

Date received _____ Date of Board action _____

Endorsed _____ Not endorsed _____

Date school notified _____

Notes/comments:

Endorsement period _____

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT: Benefits, Considerations and Requirements

BENEFITS OF ENDORSEMENT

Your school will be able to advertise that:

- your curriculum distinguishes Holistic Nurse from those prepared within the Totality paradigm of Nursing;
- your graduates are prepared to provide holistic care; and
- are eligible to sit for an AHNCC Certification examination upon successfully passing N-Clex examination.

CONSIDERATIONS

Your school should apply for endorsement if:

- your curriculum is consistent with the AACN core values and prepares your graduates within the context of AHNA standards of practice;
- you support certification as a distinction between the Simultaneity and Totality paradigms of Nursing as described by Parse;
- you wish to advertise your school as one that prepares Holistic Nurses to be qualified to sit for the AHNCC Certification Examinations;
- you wish to have your school identified as one of those that "make things happen".

IF YOU APPLY FOR ENDORSEMENT

Your school will submit the following:

1. an application form;
2. a summary statement describing how your program meets criteria for endorsement (1-3 pages);
3. the School's Mission and Philosophy of undergraduate/graduate program(s);
4. a curriculum outline (as presented in your catalogue);
5. a brief description of course objectives/content;
6. a curriculum vitae of at least one AHN-BC faculty;
7. any additional supporting documents you wish to provide; and
8. an application fee of \$500.00.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

- A statement prepared by the Dean/Director or designee that provides an overview of the attached documents and explains how the curriculum prepares students for practice of Holistic Nursing at the designated level of the program.
- The School's Philosophy reflects AHNA's Philosophy of Nursing, Code of Ethics, and Core Values.
- The School's Mission Statement reflects goals consistent with preparing nurses based on AHNA's Core Values and Standards for Holistic Nursing Practice. These are consistent with the level of the Program seeking endorsement, i.e. baccalaureate or graduate level.
- The course descriptions and objectives reflect Holistic Nursing Core Values.
- The course content provides knowledge and skills needed to practice Holistic Nursing at the appropriate level and demonstrates how the student is prepared to practice AHNA Standards of Holistic Nursing.
- Concepts such as Presence, Intentionality, Unconditional Acceptance and other key Holistic Nursing Concepts are evident in the Course Content, Descriptions, and practice experience.
- Minimum hours of practice necessary to meet National Accreditation (AACN or NLN) for undergraduate programs is required. A minimum of 200 hours of practice is required for Graduate programs.
- Lead faculty are certified by AHNCC as an AHN-BC.

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GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

•Application Cover Page

Type in complete information for each section. Note that there must be at least one AHNCC Certified Nurse to qualify for Endorsement. If you are applying for Endorsement of a Graduate program, you must have at least one AHN-BC faculty assigned to the selected program.

•Summary Statement

This statement should be approximately 1-2 pages of text describing how your Program meets criteria for Endorsement. Be sure to include a description of the relationship between your School's Philosophy and AHNA's Philosophy and Core Values.

•Your Schools Philosophy and Mission of the Program

A copy of the Program Philosophy and the School's Mission will be sufficient.

•Curriculum Outline

A copy of your School's catalogue can be sent if it describes the Program and lists the individual courses. Otherwise, a copy of the Curriculum outline including course titles and descriptions is required.

•Brief Description of Course objectives and content

While it is not necessary to send a complete set of course syllabi, it is important to send sufficient information so that it is clear how specific courses relate to AHNA Standards of Practice and Core Values. A single course on Holistic Nursing will not be considered evidence that the students are being educated as Holistic Nurses, so be sure to show evidence of Holistic Nursing Core Values across the program. Copies of the Standards and Core Values can be obtained from AHNA.

•Practice Hours

Show where and how the practice hours are assigned in the curriculum including where and when students practice Standards of Holistic Nursing.

•Certified Faculty

The Curriculum Vitae of at least one AHNCC Certified Nurse must be included.

•Additional supporting documents

Additional documents are not required, but will be reviewed with your application. For example, you may wish to send samples of student assignments or papers, faculty activities, student experiences, etc as further evidence of a Program in Holistic Nursing.