

HOLISTIC NURSING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The Holistic Nursing Fellowship Program was launched in 2022 through a collaborative effort between the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC) and the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA). Through this alliance, AHNCC and AHNA are partnering with other nursing organizations to increase inclusivity and diversity among our certificants and membership. We are committed to uplift the contributions of holistic nurses from a wide range of backgrounds and identities, through knowledge sharing, that honors diverse healing traditions and perspectives. We serve to strengthen the holistic nurse specialty by broadening sociocultural awareness, in order to enhance our ability to provide optimal holistic care that is inclusive to all. This mission drives us to offer ourselves as instruments of healing, while also committing to equity, diversity, inclusion, belonging, and social justice as unifying forces of equality.

In this two-year Fellowship, recipients are offered a packet that is valued at over \$1400.00 and includes the following:

- Mentorship from an AHNCC certificant for the duration of the application and testing period.
- Application fee for certification
- Practice test fee
- Examination Registration cost
- Re-sitting fee if needed
- Free AHNA Foundations of Holistic Nursing (FOHN) Self-Study Course
- ANA/AHNA Holistic Nursing Scope and Standards 3rd Edition Book
- \$100 Gift Certificate for the AHNA Shop (Continuing Education or SWAG purchases)

At the beginning of the Fellowship, fellows are provided with a board-certified holistic nurse mentor who will facilitate them in preparing for the national Holistic Nursing certification examination and help them navigate through the application process.

The Fellow will have 2 years to complete the Fellowship program and take the certification examination. A certificate will be provided to participants upon completion of the Fellowship program. Upon completion, participants can also include the Fellowship completion in their CVs.

We are excited to welcome Carolyn Cros, a member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and Sharlene Chisolm, a member of the National Black Nurses Association, as our first 2022 Holistic Nursing Fellows.



My name is Carolyn Cros. I have been a nurse since 2018 when I passed my NCLEX. In 2020 I started working in Oncology. I currently have my BSN and am currently pursuing my BSN-DNP at the University of Alabama. This program is a double major in Family and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. I obtained this fellowship through the joint venture with NAHN (National Association of Hispanic Nurses). I am so grateful for the opportunity to grow and learn more about incorporating a more holistic approach to my nursing practice.



Sharlene Chisolm is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Intensive Care Registered Nurse, proudly serving with the Greater New York City Chapter of the Black Nurses Association. Working on the Covid-19 frontlines emphasized her passion for helping people optimize their lives using lifestyle and plant medicine. To further her studies she is studying functional medicine, cannabis medicine, and now pursuing board certification from the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation. She looks forward to serving the NYC communities in primary care and holistic nursing.

Each year, the [AHNCC Equality, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice \(EEDISJ\) Committee](#) looks at a list of identified national nursing organizations that are focused on diverse nursing populations. They select and invite the next two organizations to participate.

The invited organizations then select the fellow from their membership.

The first two approached in 2022 were the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) and the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA).

For more information on our Holistic Nursing Fellowship Program contact info@ahncc.org.