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NCCA Accreditation News for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)

WASHINGTON (June 16, 2006)—The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) renewed accreditation for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN™) and Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care (CPNP-PC™) certification programs, and accredited the PNCB's new Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care (CPNP-AC™) certification program. All three programs are accredited through April 30, 2011.

Founded in 1975, the PNCB is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for certification in pediatric nursing. Currently, over 6,000 nurses are certified to use the CPN™ designation, and over 11,000 nurse practitioners are certified as either CPNP-PCs™ or CPNP-ACs™.

The PNCB was the first nursing certification organization in the U.S. to receive NCCA accreditation in 1996. Since that time the PNCB has met the rigorous accreditation standards of the NCCA through continuous 5 year compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). Since 1977, the NCCA has accredited certification programs based on the highest quality standards to ensure programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. NCCA accredited programs certify nursing professionals from more than 12 other nursing certification organizations and provide accreditation of programs for a wide range of professional groups such as financial planners, athletic trainers, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, and more. Of NOCA's 384 members, 67 have accredited programs. To view the standards visit <http://www.noca.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

NOCA's mission is to promote excellence in competency assurance for practitioners in all occupations and professions. Created in 1987 as a commission of NOCA, the NCCA's mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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