



# E D U C A T I O N S P O T L I G H T

A Newsletter for NYSNA Approved Provider Units March-April 2010

## ANCC

**Multi-region providers:** Current Approved Provider Units that target more than 50% of their activities to nurses in multiple regions (DHHS regions) may not re-apply to NYSNA when their approval period ends (if additional regions are in states that are contiguous to your home region, it is not considered “multiple”). You can either become an Accredited Provider Unit through the ANCC or submit educational activities to NYSNA for individual approval.



<http://www.hhs.gov/about/regionmap.html>

## NYSNA

**New Approved Provider Units:** The Council on Continuing Education is initiating a mentor program for first-time Approved Provider Units. If you have been approved for the first-time, to function as an Approved Provider Unit, you will be assigned one or two Council members to help guide you through your first six months. You will be provided with contact information and are encouraged to utilize this valuable resource when you have questions regarding your Provider Unit operations.

**Site Visits:** The purpose of site visits to Approved Provider Units is to maintain communication between the NYSNA Council on Continuing Education and the Approved Provider Units. The Council is committed to working collaboratively with Provider Unit members to ensure that continuing education activities for nurses are planned, implemented, and evaluated according to NYSNA/ANCC standards. The value of these standards is recognized by the professional nursing community. Knowledge sharing and collegiality are essential ingredients of the NYSNA continuing education review process.

## FAQs

### Q: Can contact hours be awarded to participants of ACLS and PALS “canned” certification courses?

A. For initial certification, advanced skilled courses such as ACLS and PALS, ANCC contact hours can be awarded. As of June 1, 2011, ANCC contact hours cannot be awarded to nurses attending these courses in order to renew their certification.

Also, as of June, 1, 2011, contact hours cannot be awarded to BLS and other basic “canned” courses (either initial or renewal). Basic courses – such as BLS for example – form a base upon which nursing knowledge and practice is built. Therefore they do not meet the definition of continuing nursing education.

For the BLS, ACLS, PALS, etc. Instructor courses, contact hours can be awarded for the teaching modality content only of the classroom based BLS Instructor course. Note that this does not include the content portion of the course. In addition, accredited providers and approved providers cannot award ANCC contact hours for the course offered online or on CD-ROM by AHA as these formats preclude the involvement of the accredited/approved continuing education unit in the planning or implementation of the activity.

(from <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/ContinuingEducation/Accreditation/AccreditationFAQs.aspx>)

## Education

Before you develop the content for your educational activity, there are some things to keep in mind as you design the class and select your media. Robert Gagne, an American educational psychologist who was interested in how learning occurs, developed a 9-step process called “The Nine Events of Instruction.”

1. Gain attention
2. Inform learner of objectives
3. Stimulate recall of prior learning
4. Present stimulus material
5. Provide learner guidance
6. Elicit performance
7. Provide feedback
8. Assess performance
9. Enhance retention & transfer to the job

Consider how you will accomplish these events as you plan your next educational activity.

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## Comments from the Council

The Council on Continuing Education is seeking members for the Peer Review Team. To be eligible, you must have:

- A minimum of a baccalaureate degree in Nursing
- Relevant knowledge and experience to participate in the peer review process
- Expertise in educational design

If you are interested, please visit: <http://www.nysna.org/ce/main.html> for additional information.

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