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A Newsletter for NYSNA Approved Provider Units June 2009

Welcome to the June issue of the Education Spotlight. Please continue to offer us feedback through our User Survey (<http://www.nysna.org/ce/approval.html>) or by e-mailing us at the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.

ANCC Updates

The 2009 ANCC updates are going into effect on a rolling basis, depending on the type of ANCC status - approved or accredited. NYSNA, as an *Accredited* Approver Unit is required to be in compliance with the updates by August 1, 2009. Our *Approved* Provider Units will be responsible for adhering to the updates by **January 1, 2010**. We are planning workshops and webinars for the Approved Provider Units and will let you know when the dates are confirmed. Please review the revised Annual Report form and Approved Provider Unit application on our webpage (<http://www.nysna.org/ce/approval.html>) to get an idea of the changes. You might find the Operational Requirements Attestation form to be a helpful summary of the Approved Provider Unit's responsibilities. The NYSNA Guide to Approval, available electronically on the webpage, will be updated in the coming months – the current information and examples are based on the 2007 guidelines.

Levels of Evaluation

ANCC is placing more emphasis on evaluation, both of individual educational activities and of the overall Approved Provider Unit. As always, a **learner satisfaction** evaluation is required for all educational activities. This level of evaluation involves, at the minimum, a self-report from the participants on the extent to which they achieved the objectives, whether the presenter was effective, and whether the activity was fair, unbiased and free of commercial influence. The other levels of evaluation that ANCC would like to see more of are: **knowledge enhancement** (e.g. pre-test/post-test), **skill and attitude change** (e.g. observable psychomotor/cognitive skills change or an observable/learner-reported attitude change), **change in practice/performance** (e.g. learner report at the time of the activity or later observation of a change in nursing practice), and **relationship of the practice change to quality of service** (e.g. measuring outcome indicators before and after educational activity).

NYSNA Revisions

The revised forms, fees, and approval processes were implemented on June 1, 2009. If you are due to submit an Annual Report or a re-application for Approved Provider Unit status, please use the new forms. Even though you are not fully responsible for the new criteria until January 1, 2010, you should be planning for the changes.

Approved Provider Unit Documentation

Please make sure that you have created your own educational activity documentation that reflects your status as an Approved Provider Unit. You should not be using the NYSNA applications for your Approved Provider Unit's individual educational activities. You may model your own documentation after NYSNA's, but you must customize it for your Approved Provider Unit.

FAQs

Q: *What do you mean by “quality improvement activities related to the Educational Activity” on the Annual Report form?*

A: *This is similar to the information that we request from non-Approved Provider Units, following a single educational activity offering. What we are requesting is a brief discussion of what changes, if any, you made to the sample activities based on the evaluation process – be it the learner evaluations, the presenter evaluations, the planner evaluations, or the overall Approved Provider Unit's evaluation.*

Comments from the Approver Unit Staff

Commercial Interests are not Eligible to be Approved Provider Units

What is a commercial interest? This is how ANCC defines a commercial interest:

A 'commercial interest' is any entity either producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients or that is owned or controlled by an entity that produces, markets, re-sells, or distributes healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. This definition allows a provider to have a 'sister company' that is a commercial interest, as long as the [approved] provider has and maintains adequate corporate firewalls to prohibit any influence or control by the 'sister company' over the CE program... (ANCC. (2009). *Application manual accreditation program*. Silver Springs, MD: American Nurses Credentialing Center.)

ANCC does not consider providers of clinical services directly to patients to be commercial interests. No applications or re-applications will be accepted from commercial interests for Approved Provider Unit status. Additionally, any currently Approved Provider Units that meet the definition of a commercial interest will have their Approved Provider Unit status inactivated on **August 1, 2010**. These guidelines come from the ANCC and are intended as an effort to reduce the influence that commercial interests may have on educational activities. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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SAVE THE DATE:

July 31, 2009

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

NYSNA Conference Center Latham, NY

*"The NLN Preparation Course for
Certification as a Nurse Educator"*

SPEAKER: Linda Turchin, MSN, RN, CNE

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