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Sinclair Community College Earns National Nursing CE Accreditation

Dayton, Ohio – The Center for Nursing Continuing Education, managed by Sinclair Community College's Workforce Development group, has received national accreditation as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). ANCC is the largest and most prominent nurse credentialing organization in the United States.

"ANCC accreditation is a positive move forward in the nursing professional development and continuing education market," says Andrea Borchers, MS BSN RN, Sinclair's Online RN Reentry Program and Center for Nursing Continuing Education coordinator. "It simply recognizes the excellent instruction provided to our nurses each day and reflects our commitment to nurses of providing the highest quality continuing education possible."

The American Nurses Credentialing Center's system for accreditation of continuing nursing education is a voluntary peer-reviewed accreditation process. An institution, organization, agency, or entity submits to an in-depth analysis of their continuing nursing education program to determine the capacity of the organization to provide quality continuing education activities for nurses. Sinclair's ANCC accreditation status, which includes annual reviews, is valid for up to two years.

According to Borchers, much credit for this accreditation goes to Dr. Marcia Miller, Chair of Sinclair's Nursing department and project director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration grant that funded Sinclair's Online RN Reentry Program. "She was the key player in getting this accreditation for our Center for Nursing Continuing Education," states Borchers.

Online nursing continuing education (CE) courses offered by Sinclair serve a two-fold purpose. First, all courses are designed to provide a continuing learning opportunity for any nurse in meeting professional CE requirements for license renewal. Second, the online CE program is designed to prepare inactive licensed RNs for reentry into clinical practice. Licensed registered nurses who have been inactive and want to return to clinical practice frequently find professional inactivity to be a barrier to re-employment. Sinclair's Online Nursing CE program offers an alternative learning delivery mechanism that is an efficient and expedient way to update knowledge and clinical competency at an affordable price.

Sinclair has a 35-year history of providing quality instruction in nursing. In addition, the college's nationally recognized distance-delivered learning activities date back as early as 1979. By fusing quality instruction with a state-of-the-art distance delivery framework, Sinclair offers top-notch, relevant continuing education opportunities.

For more information about Sinclair's Online RN Reentry Program and the Center for Nursing Continuing Education, call (937) 512-2939 or go online to <http://nursing.sinclair.edu/index.asp>.

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