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**The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and American Board of Neuroscience Nursing
Release Position Statement on the Value of Certification in Neuroscience Nursing**

Chicago, IL— January 2023 — The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), in conjunction with the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), has released an updated position statement on the value of certification in neuroscience nursing.

It is the position of AANN and ABNN that

- certification advances nursing practice through the demonstration of specialized knowledge in the respective neuroscience area
- the rigorous national certification examinations validate clinical and professional knowledge and judgment in a well-defined specialty practice area
- certification provides benefits to the certified nurse, their employer, the public, and patients.

AANN recognizes neuroscience nursing practice as a nursing specialty. ABNN recognized the need for the professional neuroscience nurse to achieve certification in their field. ABNN developed the first neuroscience nursing certification program in 1978 with the Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) program. In 2013, ABNN added the Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) certification program, and in 2021, AANN in collaboration with ABNN created the Certificate Program for the Seizure and Epilepsy Healthcare Professional. The certifications demonstrate to patients, peers, employers, and the public that the certified nurse has attained specialized knowledge and skills in caring for a unique patient population.

For a copy of the position statement, please visit <https://aann.org/about/advocacy>.

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About AANN

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 5,400 members worldwide, is committed to working for the highest standard of care for neuroscience patients by advancing the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN accomplishes this through continuing education, information dissemination, standard setting, and advocacy on behalf of neuroscience patients, families, and nurses. For more information, visit www.AANN.org.

About ABNN

The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) is the independent, not-for-profit corporation established to design, implement, and evaluate the certification program for professional nurses involved in the specialty practice of neuroscience nursing and its subspecialties. ABNN is solely

responsible for the development, administration, and evaluation of the certification program. ABNN promotes the practice and contributions made by neuroscience nurses to the health of the nation through the certification of registered nurses. Visit ABNNCertification.org for more information.