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**The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
Releases Position Statement on the Value of Certification in Neuroscience Nursing**

**Chicago, IL— April 2015**— The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) has released a position statement on the value of certification in neuroscience nursing.

It is the position of AANN that

- certification demonstrates specialized knowledge in the respective specialty area.
- the preparation process for a specialty certification examination provides the nurse with review of detailed education addressing multiple areas of practice and knowledge within that specialty.
- the accomplishment of certification is the culmination of knowledge and experience that are reflected in successful passage of the specialty examination.

AANN recognizes neuroscience nursing practice as a nursing specialty. The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) appreciated the need for certification of professional nurses involved in the practice of neuroscience nursing and its subspecialties, and the neuroscience nursing certification program began in 1978. These certifications, currently Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) or Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN), demonstrate to patients, peers, and hospital administrators that the certified nurse has attained specialized abilities in caring for a unique patient population.

“This statement communicates the association’s position on the importance of certification in neuroscience nursing. Many AANN members are certified in neuroscience nursing which reflects that our organization is the leading authority in neuroscience nursing” commented Mary King, MSN RN ACNS-BC CNRN, Chair of the AANN Advocacy Committee.

For a copy of the position statement, please visit <http://www.aann.org/about/content/advocacy.html>.

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**About AANN**

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 4,500 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](http://www.AANN.org).