



Partners in
Bleeding Disorders
Education

Hemostasis Nursing Board Certification Program

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) offers Board Certification for Hemostasis Nurses!

The American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network (ATHN) collaborated with the ANCC in the development of the credential and the Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education Program continues to subsidize the effort.

The credential is earned through submission of a portfolio, a collection of evidence which documents an individual's specialized knowledge, skills, understanding, and application of professional nursing practice and theory.

To be eligible, nurses must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a current, active RN license
- Have practiced the equivalent of at least two years full time as an RN
- Have a minimum of 2,000 practice hours in the specialty area of Hemostasis Nursing within the last 3 years
- Have completed a minimum of 30 continuing education hours in the specialty area of Hemostasis Nursing in the last 3 years
- Fulfill two additional professional development categories, selected from the following list:
 - Academic Credits
 - Presentations
 - Publication or Research
 - Preceptor
 - Professional Service

For more information about Hemostasis Nursing Board Certification, please visit ANCC's webpage for the credential: <http://nursecredentialing.org/HemostasisNursing>.

Funding Is Available!

The *Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education Program* will reimburse up to 80% of the application fee of successful candidates involved in the care of bleeding disorders patients at a federally recognized hemophilia treatment center (HTC). For further information, please contact Natalie Duncan, Partners Program Manager, at nduncan@ihtc.org or 317-871-0011 ext. 273.

Questions?

If you have questions about submitting a portfolio, you may email anccportfolio@ana.org or you may contact:

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Board Certification: The Logistics

How long does it take to do a portfolio submission?

- The ANCC estimates that a portfolio will take 6 months to complete. With competing work and family responsibilities, it may take longer to complete your portfolio. We encourage you to work at your own pace and remain steadfast in the process, no matter your timeline. Upon becoming Board Certified, be sure to let us know by filling out our survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN-BC_Hemostasis.

What is the cost to apply?

- The non-ATHN-affiliate cost for initial certification is \$525; and the ATHN-affiliate cost is \$470. **The Partners Program has funding available to reimburse up to 80% of the ATHN-affiliate cost for successful applicants treating bleeding disorders at an HTC in the United States.** Contact Natalie Duncan, Partners Program Manager, at nduncan@ihtc.org or 317-871-0011 ext. 273, for more information.

Can nurses outside the United States become Board Certified?

- Yes! Nurses must hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country. Nurses outside of the U.S. are advised to have the RN license verified for equivalency by a credentials evaluation organization, such as NACES [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, <http://www.naces.org/>] prior to application.

Where can I find more information and resources pertaining to the credential?

- The best primary source for information about the Board Certification through Portfolio program is the ANCC Hemostasis Nursing website, <http://nursecredentialing.org/HemostasisNursing>. This site has helpful information to guide you through the process. Three crucial resources include the [Portfolio Content Outline](#), [Certification Through Portfolio Application Requirements](#), and [Portfolio Preparation Tips](#). It is advisable to print these documents, review them before you start your application, and keep them handy throughout your work.
- The best source for bleeding-specific CEUs is the Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education Program website, www.PartnersPRN.org. This website represents the longest-running bleeding disorder-specific educational program in the U.S. From this site, you can register for live programs that carry nursing CEUs. You can also complete a compendium of [online modules](#) for CEUs. These resources are offered free of charge to staff in the HTC community.

Can I expect recognition from my HTC and/or magnet institution when I obtain the credential?

- Different HTCs recognize Board Certification in different ways. For those at magnet institutions, the ANCC Board Certification in Hemostasis Nursing has been listed in the national Demographic Data Collection Tool™ (DDCT), which is the database of certificates and certifications recognizable by magnet institutions. It is our hope that as more nurses in the community appear with the credential, recognition will become more common.

Is there mentorship available?

- Depending on your needs, the Partners Program may be able to match you with a mentor who has gone through the process! For further information, please contact Natalie Duncan, Partners Program Manager, at nduncan@ihtc.org or 317-871-0011 ext. 273. Board certified nurses who have volunteered to serve as mentors include:

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