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## **ABSNC Grants Accreditation to the National Certification Corporation**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL October 27, 2016** —The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABSNC), announced it has granted accreditation to the National Certification Corporation (NCC) for their Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) and Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) certification programs.

ABSNC accreditation is a peer-reviewed mechanism that allows nursing certifying organizations to obtain program accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards in the industry.

“Accreditation is a highly desirable distinction for organizations that certify nurses in a specialty,” said Dottie Roberts, EdD, MSN, MACI, RN, OCNS-C®, CMSRN, ABSNC Accreditation Manager. “Applicant organizations complete a rigorous process to demonstrate maintenance of a quality certification program in meeting the ABSNC standards and earning this prestigious recognition.”

“The National Certification Corporation is pleased to receive accreditation by ABSNC for our Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner specialties. National accreditation is the ‘gold standard’ for those who provide certification to healthcare professionals, and demonstrates a huge commitment by certification organizations. Certification by healthcare professionals demonstrates a commitment to ongoing knowledge competency in their specialty throughout their careers. With the complexity of the healthcare system, certification with ongoing maintenance improves the quality and outcomes of the care provided. NCC is proud to be accredited by ABSNC and is proud of those who are committed to ongoing certification,” stated NCC Executive Director Robin Bissinger, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC, FAAN.

ABSNC is the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certification. Currently ABSNC accredits 60 certification programs from 20 specialty nursing certification organizations. For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) (> About ABSNC) or contact Dottie Roberts, ABSNC Accreditation Manager ([absnc@nursingcertification.org](mailto:absnc@nursingcertification.org), 205-795-7127).