



AHNA Fact Sheet: Education & Accreditation

Holistic Nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an “official nursing specialty,” with its own defined scope and standards of practice

AHNA...

- Published the Revised Scope and Standards of Holistic Nursing Practice 3rd Edition in 2019
- Has national accreditation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to approve and provide continuing nursing education programs. The ANCC is the leading nursing credentialing organization in the U.S.
- Offers self-study and on-site continuing nursing education (CNE) activities
- Contact hours are valid in all 50 states
- Endorses continuing nursing education (CNE) certificate programs which have gone through a rigorous peer-review process and approval by the AHNA Board of Directors
- Offers approval of continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours for use in fulfilling goals for professional development, licensure, and certification
- Provides members with lists of endorsed and approved programs

American Holistic Nurses' Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC)...

- Offers Board Certification in Holistic Nursing
- Is the only national credentialing corporation for the specialty of Holistic Nursing
- Works with AHNA, but is a separate organization
- Accepts continuing nursing education (CNE) hours earned through the AHNA towards contact hour requirements for certification
- Endorses schools (colleges and universities) that offer undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees which embrace holism and teach holism within the nursing curriculum.