Fact Sheet: Education & Accreditation
The American Holistic Nurses Association

*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 in 2013
- 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, as well as schools offering undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees with holistic philosophy, theory and practice in the curriculum

American Holistic Nurses' Certification 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.