AHNA: The Voice of Holistic Nursing

Who we are

AHNA...

- Is a non-profit membership association for holistic nurses and other healthcare professionals, serving more than 4,500 members across the U.S and abroad
- Was founded in 1981 by Charlotte (Charlie) McGuire MA, RNC, HNC, and a group of nurses dedicated to bring holism to every arena of nursing practice
- Serves as a bridge between conventional medicine and complementary / integrative healing practices, in that holistic nurses assess and treat the whole person, including their body, mind, emotions, spirit and environment

What we do

AHNA...

- Is the definitive voice for holistic nursing, and promotes the education of nurses, other healthcare professionals, and the public in all aspects of holistic caring and healing
- Holistic Nursing is recognized as an “official nursing specialty” by the American Nurses Association
- Publishes the Scope and Standards of Holistic Nursing Practice (2013), the Journal of Holistic Nursing and Beginnings magazine
- Offers research grants for holistic nursing research and scholarly inquiry in order to build the knowledge base for holistic healing
- Offers a variety of education opportunities and endorses continuing nursing education programs that align with the mission and purpose of AHNA
- Works cooperatively with the American Holistic Nurses' Certification Corporation, the national credentialing corporation for the specialty of Holistic Nursing
- Hosts an annual national conference with continuing nursing education and networking opportunities
- Organizes and nurtures more than 130 local, area and special interest Chapters across the United States that further the AHNA mission

Holistic Nursing...

- Is defined as “all nursing that has healing the whole person as its goal,” (AHNA 1998) and integrates complementary and alternative treatments into clinical practice
- Is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty