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American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Parkview Health with the 2018 Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award

Parkview Health of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was presented the Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award at the American Holistic Nurses Association’s (AHNA) 38th annual conference in Niagara Falls, New York, June 5-10th, 2018. The Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award recognizes an institution’s incorporation of holistic nursing practices that demonstrate the core values of holistic nursing and outstanding professionalism. The institution selected has implemented innovative holistic approaches that offer substantive advantages to patients, staff and the institution itself.

About Parkview Health

Parkview Health, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is one of a very few that has been granted Magnet status for the entire health system. It is a system of not-for-profits that make up the largest healthcare provider in northeast Indiana. It serves a population of over 820,000, employing over 8,000 people, with approximately 2,500 nurses serving in 10 hospitals and numerous outpatient facilities. Parkview also supports the only Integrative Medicine practice that accepts insurance payment in the Midwest. They have employed a Holistic Nurse Coordinator to help the leadership make it a priority to dedicate time and resources to embedding holistic nursing practices into the culture of the organization. This has led to improved employee self-care opportunities, better employee engagement and improved pain scores. Parkview leadership also recognizes that in order to address the uniqueness and interconnectedness of each mind, body and spirit that passes through Parkview Health’s facilities, nurses must have more time at the bedside with their patients, which shows that Parkview is listening to its nurses and including them in the decision-making process.

Parkview has an award-winning research and innovation center, The Mirro Center for Research and Innovation, which offers support in research, conference space and houses the Parkview Foundation, which offers grants for research, education and employee well-being. Parkview also has many certification prep courses and symposiums available to their nurses, and self-care opportunities for their nurses that include Respite Rooms, the Holistic Response Team, the Holistic Nurses on the Road program and many more.
About AHNA

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) is a non-profit specialty nursing professional membership organization that serves as the definitive voice for registered nurses who practice holistic nursing.

Founded in 1981, AHNA’s primary mission is to advance holistic nursing through Practice, Community building, Advocacy, Research and Education. The association is dedicated to the continued development of evidence-based holistic research, self-care methods for nurses and non-pharmacological pain management. AHNA offers networking opportunities to its members along with continuing nursing education through webinars, self-study programs, publications, conferences, and scholarship and grant opportunities.

AHNA currently services more than 5,000 members through 146 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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