

**American Board of Nursing Specialties
Position Statement on Value of Certification (March 2005)**

It is the position of ABNS that:

- Registered nurses should seek certification in their specialty area of practice.
- Certified nurses should promote their certification by publicly displaying their credentials and introducing themselves as a certified nurse.
- Healthcare consumers should be knowledgeable of the qualifications and credentials of the registered nurses caring for them.
- Employers should seek certified nurses for their workforce, support these individuals seeking and maintaining certification, inform patients and the public about the certification status of their workforce, encourage the display of the nurses' certified credentials on identification badges, and market the accomplishments of certified nurses.
- Specialty nursing certification is an objective measure of knowledge which validates that a nurse is qualified to provide specialized nursing care.

The mission of the American Board of Nursing Specialties, of which
AACN Certification Corporation is a member, is as follows:
ABNS promotes the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders.

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