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VISIONARY NURSE INNOVATOR RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has awarded its prestigious President's Award to Pamela S. Dickerson, PhD, MS, BSN, RN. Dr. Dickerson received the award for her work as chair of ANCC's Commission on Accreditation (COA), where she recently spearheaded a major restructuring of the organization's Accreditation Program. In particular, she devoted a considerable amount of time reaching out to the constituent member associations (state chapters) of the American Nurses Association to ensure a successful transition.

ANCC Board President Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A, presented the award at the organization's National Magnet Conference® in Phoenix in October.

"Pam's passion for nursing, her innovative ideas, and her commitment to ANCC have helped bring nurse credentialing into the 21st century," Dr. Hatmaker said. "We are profoundly grateful that this talented woman has chosen to work with us, and I am honored and pleased to present her with the 2010 President's Award."

Dr. Dickerson served on the COA from 1995 through 1999, and again since 2008 to present. She was elected chair in 2009. She is president of PRN Continuing Education, which provides continuing education seminars for registered and licensed practical nurses. As an active proponent of nurse education, she is an auxiliary clinical assistant professor at the Ohio State University College of Nursing and adjunct faculty for Capital University's nursing program.

Dr. Dickerson has written numerous articles on nurse credentialing and continuing education, and presented at national conferences on topics ranging from nursing law and ethics to leadership and women's health. She holds a Master's in Nursing from the Ohio State University College of Nursing and a PhD in health administration from Columbia Southern University in Alabama.

About the ANCC President's Award

The President's Award recognizes exceptional leaders who have partnered with the ANCC president to advance the mission, vision, and strategic goals of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Honorees are personally selected by the president, rather than a committee, and the award is given only when the occasion is warranted. Past recipients include those who have enhanced nurse professionalism and helped make ANCC the premier credentialing organization it is today.

About ANCC

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program® and the Pathway to Excellence® Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation® provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs.

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