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Nursing School Dean Michael Evans Appointed Next ANCC President

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors has appointed Michael L. Evans, a nursing school dean and former nursing executive and chief nursing officer at several hospitals, as the next president of the [American Nurses Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#), the largest nurse credentialing organization and subsidiary of ANA.

Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, the dean and chief executive officer of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College in St. Louis, will begin his two-year term on July 1, 2011, succeeding current ANCC President Debbie Dawson Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A. Evans currently is the ANCC vice president, and previously has served as an ANCC board secretary and member. The advance appointment is part of ANCC's succession planning and will ensure smooth leadership transition during a time of growth and development.



In addition to the change in board leadership, ANCC underwent a transition in executive leadership in January 2011. Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, previously the senior director of credentialing operations, was appointed executive director, replacing Jeanne Floyd, PhD, RN, CAE, who retired after nearly 10 years.

“As the credentialing arm of ANA, ANCC is crucial in ensuring credentialing of individual nurses, healthcare organizations, and continuing education in nursing. It is important that ANCC have the governance it needs to maintain its status as the recognized leader in the field,” said ANA President Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. “The advance appointment of an experienced board member like Dr. Evans goes a long way toward ensuring stability.”

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ANCC 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[®], Pathway to Excellence[®], and Pathway to Excellence in Long Term Care[™] Programs; 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.

The ANCC board president serves as chief spokesperson on behalf of ANCC and leads the board in setting goals, policy, and long-range plans for the credentialing center.

“Dr. Evans’ impressive combination of leadership, knowledge, and vision makes him the ideal candidate to become ANCC’s next president,” said current ANCC President Debbie Dawson Hatmaker. “We are confident that his experience with all aspects of the nursing community will be valuable to ANCC in the coming years.”

Evans has led the Goldfarb School, a 650-student nursing college on the Washington University Medical Center Campus, since 2006. The school is a part of BJC HealthCare System. For the previous five years, he served as vice president for learning and chief learning officer for Texas Health Resources, a 13-hospital healthcare system with 18,000 employees, where he oversaw educational activities and created a corporate university model for healthcare education.

The ANCC president-designate began his nursing career in 1973 as a critical care and emergency department staff nurse. He later served as chief nursing officer at several hospitals in Texas, including Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and Austin’s St. David’s Medical Center. He has also served as an adjunct nursing professor in the University of Texas system and other Texas nursing schools.

A past president of the Texas Nurses Association (TNA), Evans also has served as secretary and treasurer of ANA, and as a TNA delegate to the ANA House of Delegates.

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