

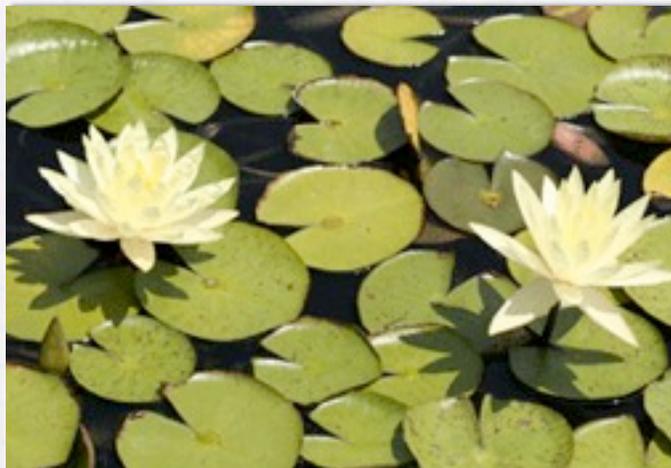
Become Board Certified in Holistic Nursing

THE OREGON HOLISTIC NURSES ASSOCIATION

What is Holistic Nursing?

Holistic Nursing embraces all nursing which has as its goal the enhancement of healing the whole person from birth to death. Holistic nursing recognizes that there are two views regarding holism: that holism involves identifying the interrelationships of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual dimensions of the person, recognizing that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts; and that holism involves understanding the individual as a unitary whole within the environment. Holistic nursing believes that the goals of nursing can be achieved within either framework.

The Holistic Nurse is an instrument of healing and a facilitator in the healing process. Holistic nurses honor the individual's subjective experience about health, health beliefs, and values. To become therapeutic partners with individuals, families, and communities, holistic nursing practice draws on nursing knowledge, theories, research, expertise, intuition, and creativity. Holistic nursing practice encourages peer review of professional practice in various clinical settings and integrates knowledge of current professional standards, laws, and regulations governing nursing practice.



What is Holistic Nurse Certification?

Certification establishes minimum knowledge and competency standards for Holistic Nursing practice,

Assures the public that the certified nurse has completed all eligibility requirements to earn a credential verifying he/she has achieved the level of knowledge and competency required for practice of Holistic Nursing, and

Recognizes nurses who have met those standards.

Certification Credentials:

Holistic Nurse, Board Certified (HN-BC)

Holistic Baccalaureate Nurse, Board Certified (HNB-BC)

Advanced Holistic Nurse, board Certified (AHN-BC)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. Unrestricted and current U.S. R.N License from an academically accredited School of Nursing;
2. Active practice as a Holistic Nurse for a minimum for one year full-time or 2,000 hours within the last five years part-time; and
3. Completion of a minimum of 48 contact hours of continuing education in Holistic Nursing within a two year period preceding application.

EASIEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS

1. Order the book "Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice", 5th Edition. (Required text book for certification)
2. Order "Foundations of Holistic Nursing" home study course from the American Holistic Nurses Association Website. www.ahna.org
3. Take the course using the required text book; earn 65 contact hours of continuing education in Holistic Nursing; and you are now qualified to apply for certification.

HOW DO YOU BECOME CERTIFIED?

Through the American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation.

www.ahncc.org

It's a three step process that includes:

1. Application Submission
2. Qualitative Assessment
3. The Exam

It's easier than it sounds. Go for it. Be the change. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Garcia, R.N, BSN, HNB-BC, D.Hom at:

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