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**Competency & Credentialing Institute  
Receives Accreditation of its Certified Foundational  
Perioperative Nurse Credential  
From the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification**

**Mt Laurel, NJ, (September 15, 2022)** —The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), is pleased to announce the Competency & Credentialing Institute has been granted accreditation for the Certified Foundational Perioperative Nurse (CFPN) certification program.

Established in 1979, CCI provides the CNOR<sup>®</sup>, CSSM<sup>®</sup>, CNS-CP<sup>®</sup>, CNAMB<sup>®</sup>, CFPN<sup>®</sup>, and NPDA-BC<sup>®</sup> credentials to more than 40,000 registered nurses, making it one of the largest specialty nursing credentialing organizations and the leading certification body for perioperative nurses. The mission of CCI is to lead competency credentialing that promotes safe, quality patient care and that supports lifelong learning.

“The Certified Foundational Perioperative Nurse (CFPN) credential is designed to give perioperative nurses a firm foundation for career-long professional development success,” said Jim Stobinski, CEO of CCI “Earning the CFPN lays the groundwork for career-long professional development success and includes personalized competency assessments and 2-year professional development plan for nurses. CFPN provides a clear path to continued career enhancing certification including CNOR and CNAMB. We are incredibly proud to offer this unique credential that will guide the early career of a perioperative nurse.”

ABSNC accreditation is a peer-reviewed mechanism that allows nursing certifying organizations to obtain program accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards in the industry. To maintain accreditation, programs must exhibit continuing adherence to the 18 standards set forth. “ABSNC Accreditation represents a recognized standard in certification testing and indicates that the credential meets or exceed legal and regulatory guidelines,” said Felicia Lembesis, CAE, Executive Director.

The mission of ABSNC is to recognize quality specialty nursing and associated non-RN certification programs through accreditation. It is the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certification. ABSNC currently accredits more than 60 certification programs from 20 specialty nursing certification organizations. The accreditation standards offered by ABSNC include Examination-Based

Certification Programs, Portfolio Assessment Certification Programs, and Assessment-Based Certificate Programs. For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit [www.absnc.org](http://www.absnc.org) or contact Felicia Lembesis, ABSNC Executive Director, (flembesis@ahint.com, 856-439-9080).