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Crumpler Recognized for 20 Years of CCRN Certification

Deborah Crumpler, nursing instructor at The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center received national recognition for reaching a significant milestone in the nursing profession. Since 1994 she has consistently maintained her critical care nursing certification through the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation. Crumpler is one of 1,128 CCRNs being honored this year by AACN for 20 years of continuous certification.

“Deborah is an outstanding nurse and instructor and we are proud to call her one of our own,” said Dr. Van Patterson, UT Tyler Longview University Center director. “Students benefit greatly from her knowledge, skill and expertise. Deborah is part of a team of highly qualified nursing instructors. Their efforts have resulted in more than 95 percent of LUC nursing students passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on their first try.”

CCRN certification is one of the most advanced professional credentials that can be achieved by a nurse in the field of acute and critical care. As a result, the CCRN credential is highly regarded as recognition of advanced knowledge and clinical expertise in the care of acutely and critically ill patients and their families. There are currently more than 68,000 CCRN-certified nurses practicing worldwide who specialize in the care of adult, pediatric and/or neonatal patient populations.

The importance of clinical certification to the health and well-being of patients in the U.S. has been well documented. Research studies have specifically linked CCRN certification to higher levels of job satisfaction, clinical knowledge, experience and skill. These studies have found that CCRN certified nurses are particularly motivated to maintain clinical excellence even in rapidly changing acute and critical care environments. Further, the studies found that the achievement of certification serves as a tangible demonstration of commitment on the part of the individual to patients, families, employers and colleagues alike.

Hospitals that encourage and support their nurses in becoming certified demonstrate to their patients a high level of commitment to creating an exceptional care environment and, to their nurses, a culture of professionalism and retention imperative in today's healthcare environment.

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