Approved Provider Geographic Eligibility

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) uses the Department of Health and Human Services [http://www.hhs.gov/about/regions/](http://www.hhs.gov/about/regions/) regions to determine eligibility to become an Approved Provider.

Organizations are ineligible for an Approved Provider status when more than 50% of the organization’s target audience occurs outside your region (as determined by HHS) or more than 50% of the activities are web based. The regions are as follows:

**Region 1 – Boston**
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

**Region 2 – New York**
New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

**Region 3 – Philadelphia**
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

**Region 4 – Atlanta**
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

**Region 5 – Chicago**
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

**Region 6 – Dallas**
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

**Region 7 – Kansas City**
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

**Region 8 – Denver**
Colorado, Montana, North /Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

**Region 9 – San Francisco**
Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau

**Region 10 – Seattle**
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

There are two options if your organization is geographically ineligible for an Approved Provider status as follows: 1.) have each activity approved individually or 2.) apply directly to ANCC for an accredited status.