

## Approved Provider Eligibility

- Organization must be administratively and operationally responsible for coordinating the entire process of planning, implementing, and delivering CNE.
- Identify one Nurse Planner who will act as the Primary Nurse Planner and serve as the liaison between the organization and the Alabama State Nurses Association.
- Primary Nurse Planner must be a registered nurse, holds a current unencumbered nursing license (or international equivalent) and a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing (or international equivalent).
- Primary Nurse Planner has the authority within the organization to ensure compliance with accreditation criteria and Approver Unit requirements in the provision of CNE.
- Primary Nurse Planner is responsible for orientation of all Nurse Planners in the organization to accreditation criteria and Approver Unit requirements.
- Ensure that all other Nurse Planners in the Approver Provider Unit are registered nurses who hold current, unencumbered nursing license (or international equivalent) and a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing (or international equivalent).
- Ensure that each CNE activity has a qualified Nurse Planner who is an active participant in the planning, implementation, and evaluation process.
- Be operational for at least 6 months.
- Initial applicants must have completed the process of assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation for at least three separate educational activities provided at separate and distinct events:
  - With the direct involvement of the Nurse Planner
  - Adhered to accreditation criteria and ASNA Approver Unit requirements
  - That each were a minimum of 1 hour (60 minutes) in length (contact hours may or may not have been offered)
  - They were not jointly provided
- Not be a commercial interest as defined in “Commercial Interest”

- Target the majority (>50%) of their CNE activities to nurses in a single DHHS region and its contiguous states (based on DHHD regions: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/regions>). Applicants whose target audiences are not confined to a single region and its continuous states, for more than 50% of its activities may not be An Approved Provider. Instead they must apply directly to ANCC as an Accredited Provider through the accreditation process.
- Be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations that affect the organization's ability to meet Approved Provider criteria.
- Disclose previous denials, suspensions, and/or revocations received from other ANCC Accredited Approver Units and/or other accrediting/approving organizations.