Professional Certifications

Nurses at NorthShore are passionate about their profession and eager to advance their knowledge in their clinical or functional area of specialty. Among our 2,584 nurses, certification and specialty credentials are held in the following areas:

- Adult Nurse Practitioner Board Certified (ANPBC)
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN)
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN)
- Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN)
- Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA)
- Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN)
- Certified Childbirth Educator (CCE)
- Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE)
- Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN)
- Certified Gastroenterology Nurse (CGRN)
- Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN)
- Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN)
- Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN)
- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
- Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR)
- Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP)
- Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN)
- Certified Plastic Surgery Nurse (CPSN)
- Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant (CRNFA)
- Certified Registered Nurse Infusion (CRNI)
- Certified Registered Nurse in Ophthalmology (CRNO)
- Certified Urologic Registered Nurse (CURN)
- Certified Wound Care Nurse (CWCN)
- Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN)
- Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certified (FNPBC)
- International Board of Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Board Certified (NNPBC)
- Nurse Executive Board Certified (NEBC)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN)
- Orthopaedic Nurse Certified (ONC)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Progressive Care Certified Nurse (PCCN)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Clinic Nurse Specialist Board Certified (PMHCNSBC)
- Registered Nurse Board Certified (RNBC)
- Registered Nurse Certified (RNC)
- Registered Nurse Certified in Inpatient Obstetrics (RNCOB)
- Registered Nurse Certified in Maternal Newborn Nursing (RNCMNN)
- Registered Nurse Certified in Neonatal Intensive Care (RNCNIC)
- Wound Care Certified (WCC)

Research, Presentations and Publications

Respected professionals in their field, NorthShore nurses share their knowledge and experience gained through involvement in clinical research projects, presentations and publications, including the following:

Research Projects

- **Mary P. Byas, MPH, BSN, RN** Dads Championing Breastfeeding
- **Lauren Cote, RN, BSN** Harboring of Organisms on EKG Lead Wires in the Intensive Care Units
- **Joanne Donnelly, CRNA, MS** Effective Implementation of a Standardized, Intraoperative Handoff Protocol Between Anesthesia Providers at Evanston Hospital.
- **Allison Henke, RN and Mary Kamvisis, RN** Variables Associated With Parental Stress in the Immediate Post-NICU Discharge Period: Effects of a Nursing Communication Intervention.
- **Mercedes Jenkins-Bolden, RN** A Randomized Clinical Trial to Determine the Accuracy and Reliability of Skin Temperature Measurement With Auxiliary Placement of Skin Probe for Extremely Premature Infants.
- **Mary Kashul, RN** How Diffusion of Important Health Care Information Reaches the Direct Care Nurse as It Relates to Patient Care Issues, Work Safety Issues, Professional Development Issues and Hospital Initiatives.
- **Moira Morphew RN, MS** Staff Nurses’ Perceived Barriers to Safe Patient Handling
- **Cathy Paoletti, RN** and **Tina Edwardson, RNC** Is the Incidence of Gram Negative Colonization in Nasogastric Tubes Higher in Infants Diagnosed With Necrotizing Enterocolitis or Sepsis Compared to Matched Controls?
- **Holly Pilarek RN, BSN, IBCLC** A Randomized, Longitudinal Clinical Trial of an Evidence-Based, Individualized Breastfeeding Support Program for Mothers of Very Low Birth Weight Infants.
- **Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC** Concentrations of Lactoferin in Urine of Very Low Birth Weight Infants in the First 3 Days of Life.
- **Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC** Concentrations of Lactoferin in Milk Samples of Mothers of Very Low Birth Weight Infants.

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Presentations

Karen Barnes, MSN, RN  Tri-Council for Nursing Position Statement on Educational Advancement for Nurses Chicago Area Nursing Staff Development Organization Meeting, Chicago, Ill. September 2010


Poome Chamnanakit, APN, CNP  Effective and Efficient Glucose Management in the Intensive Care Unit podium presentation at the Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nurses (ISAPN) Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010

William Duffy, RN, MJ, CNOR  The Freedom to Lead: Using the Shift to Right Brain Thinking to Enhance the Image of Nursing and our Ability to Change the World presentation at the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses Annual Leadership Conference in Denver, Colo. July 17, 2010

Laura Hehemann, RN, BSN  Examining the Relationship Between Positioning Postextubation and Rate of Reintubation in VLBW Infants: A Retrospective Chart Review Podium presentation (by invitation only) at the 5th Annual National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) Research Summit Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. April 6–8, 2010


Patricia Lueders, APN/CNP  Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology; As It Relates to the Cardiac Surgery Patient Northwest Suburban Chicago Chapter of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN), November 2010


Moira Morpewh, RN, MS  Staff Nurses’ Perceived Barriers to Safe Patient Handling Poster presentation at DePaul University Department of Nursing Research Day in Chicago, Ill. Nov. 19, 2010.

Peggy Ochoa, MS, CCE, RNC-OB; Sue Schory, MA, RNC-OB; Anita Koehler, MSN, RNC-OB; Myra Sabini, BSN, RNC-OB; State of Illinois Mandated Obstetrical Hemorrhage Education Using Simulation Poster presentation at AWHONN Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nev. September 2010

Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC  A Randomized Clinical Trial of the Oropharyngeal Administration of Own Mother’s Colostrum to Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants: A Retrospective Chart Review poster presentation at the 15th International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) Conference in Lima, Peru Oct. 8–12, 2010

Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC and Tina Edwardson, RNC  Developing a NICU-based Nursing Research Fellowship Program: Empowered NICU Nurses Lead to Best Outcomes Podium presentation at the 26th Annual NANN conference, Las Vegas, Nev. Sept. 19–22, 2010

Karen Sasso, APN  Behavioral Therapy for Stress and Urge Incontinence Podium presentation at Advances in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery Conference in Chicago, Ill. June 2010

Jacquie Steuer, APN and Karen Kopan, APN  Productivity Tool Serves as Outcome Measurement for NPs in Acute Care Practice Podium presentation at ISAPN Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010

Jacquie Steuer, APN  A Corporate Sepsis Initiative, Bundle Compliance and Mortality With a Multidisciplinary Sepsis Team Podium presentation at ISAPN Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010


Kathy Swartwout PhD, APN, FNP-BC  Are You Following the Law? An Update on Regulations that Impact APN Provision of Reproductive Health Services Podium presentation at ISAPN Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010

Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC  Developing a Corporate-Wide Nursing Research Council in a Complex Healthcare System: Keys to Successful Implementation Podium presentation at ISAPN Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010

Nancy A. Rodriguez, PhD, APN, NNP-BC  APNs and Magnet Recognition: How to Best Utilize APNs to Achieve Magnet Status Podium Presentation at ISAPN Midwest Conference in Lombard, Ill. September 2010

Publications


Hehemann, L. “Examining the Relationship Between Positioning Postextubation and Rate of Reintubation in VLBW Infants: A Retrospective Chart Review” Abstract published in Advances in Neonatal Care August 2010

Rodriguez NA, Meier PP, Groer MW, Zeller JM, Engstrom JL, Fogg, L. “A Pilot Study to Determine the Safety and Feasibility of Oropharyngeal Administration of Own Mother’s Colostrum to Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants.” Advances in Neonatal Care, 2010; 10 (4), 206-212