Attention!

Dr. Gina Panozzo DNP, RN-PMH-BC, CNE is offering a psychiatric-mental health board certification review course for RNs. Even if nurses are not eligible yet to take the exam, the course will prepare them and allow time to study before exam time comes.

Eligibility for the Exam from the ANCC Website

- "Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country.
- Have practiced the equivalent of 2 years full-time as a registered nurse.
- Have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in psychiatric–mental health nursing within the last 3 years.
- Have completed 30 hours of continuing education in psychiatric–mental health nursing within the last 3 years."

Who Can Take the Course?

- Psychiatric-mental health nurse educators/faculty
- Psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner students
- Psychiatric staff nurses in all settings such as home health, long-term care, residential, rehabilitation, substance abuse and eating disorder clinics, inpatient units, outpatient, intensive outpatient, corrections/prisons, memory care/dementia/Alzheimer's units/facilities, among other settings
- Nurse managers and directors who oversee psychiatric settings
- Psychiatric clinical nurse educators
- Private duty nurses who care for patients with psychiatric conditions

Date and Time

The next review course is on Friday, October 22, 2021, on Zoom from 8:30AM-5:30PM (CST) (with breaks built in).

Dr. Panozzo also offers private reviews for organizations and small groups with a minimum of six attendees.

About the Course

Dr. Panozzo's course prepares eligible psychiatric RNs to sit for the board certification exam through the ANCC and earn credential-displayed as RN-PMH-BC, upon passing the exam. No books or materials are required. Dr. Panozzo bought and reviewed all ten books on the suggested ANCC list prior to creating the course found at:
https://www.nursingworld.org/~4996c1/globalassets/certification/certification-specialty-

pages/resources/test-reference-lists/psychiatricmentalhealth-trl-after.pdf. Having passed the exam in the 99th percentile and teaching psychiatric nursing for many years, her course is quite comprehensive and well-developed. The course includes eligibility, application, and process to take the ANCC exam, breakdown of test items, how to answer them, a mix of case studies, lecture, group work, a practice exam, and hundreds of questions provided to continue with practice, post-review course. She also provides information on how to maintain the credential and renewal process with tracking log. Her research trajectory notes a connection among board certification and psychiatric nurses feeling more competent, confident, and comfortable communicating and working with patients, especially those with psychosis. Board certification allows for a level of competence and expertise without an additional formal degree and maintains integrity and high standards of the organization where the nurses are employed. Board certified nurses are more likely to be hired over non-board certified nurses. Board certification can assist Magnet Hospitals in effective management and leadership operations and promotes a culture that focuses on improvement of patient outcomes and professional growth and development of nurses. For faculty, having board certification assists them in demonstrating they are experientially qualified for the area they teach in. Surprisingly, when reviewing national data, only few psychiatric RNs are board certified. There are 11,223 RNs in the USA with BC certification, but over 134,000 practicing psychiatric nurses (not NPs), per the ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center). That means only 8% of psychiatric RNs are board certified!

ANCC Specific 2020 Data

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing:
1,036 RNs took the exam
792 passed (this is only a 76% pass rate)
1,094 renewed
In total: 11,233 RNs hold certification
*Due to the low pass rate, proper preparation and a review course can assist in success.

Pricing for the October 22, 2021, Review Course

The October 22, 2021, review course costs $200 per attendee.

Private Reviews and Pricing for Upcoming Offerings

Flat rate of $1200 for healthcare organizations with up to 20 attendees in one session (date can be decided on between Dr. Panozzo and the organization, onsite or through Zoom)

Small group reviews with a minimum of six attendees-$200 per person.

Forms of Payment

For individual transactions, Dr. Panozzo uses PayPal or Venmo for payment and the QR Code for each is below. Venmo and PayPal are free and secure apps to use to transfer payment, with no associated fees. Once payment is received, a confirmation of payment/receipt email is sent

including the Zoom link and preparation strategies for the course. Shortly before the course date, an agenda and slides are emailed.

For healthcare organizations, Dr. Panozzo is paid as a 1099 independent contractor.

Your Host, Learning Facilitator, and Educator

Dr. Gina Panozzo DNP, RN-PMH-BC, CNE, a passionate nurse educator, researcher, psychiatric nurse, and consultant. She created GP Academy to assist nursing students, practicing nurses, and healthcare organizations and academic institutions, meet their various and specific needs. She highly values education and the importance of academic preparation in being successful. Gina has been a nurse since 2004 and nursing professor since 2014. She received a DNP in executive leadership from Rush University (Chicago, IL), MSN in nursing administration from Aurora University (Aurora, IL), and BSN from the University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL). She is board certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing (PMH-BC) and a certified nurse educator (CNE). She holds RN license in IL and WI. Gina specializes in psychiatric nursing and has worked and taught in residential, inpatient, home health, and hospice settings. She served as a quality and performance improvement director of a home health agency and assisted in the development of a hospice organization. Her experience in academic settings is expansive and includes teaching psychiatric nursing rotations and numerous courses such as healthcare finance and business, ethics, policy, psychiatric nursing, psychiatric clinical rotations, capstone/practicum courses, nursing theory, and nursing research. She has taught at the ADN, RN to BSN, BSN, RN to MSN, MSN, and DNP levels (hybrid, online, and on ground), engaged in course development and revisions, and writing and updating standards for accreditation purposes. She is an experienced researcher and has ten publications with a focus on the schizophrenia population and therapeutic relationship development with staff, faculty caring, and home health related articles among other topics. Gina provides consulting services to home health companies to improve their metrics, assists with policy writing and development, as well as the accreditation process including on-site visits/surveys. In addition to speaking at numerous conferences and presenting posters at various events, she provides didactic teaching for and assists in the development of psychiatric nurse residency programs. She offers tutoring to pre-licensure nursing students in psychiatric nursing and test taking skills, resume construction, interview preparation among other services. Most recently, Gina has been writing two chapters (violence and addictions) for Dr. Linda Caputi's upcoming e-book *Nursing Concepts: A Practical Approach.* Last, Gina currently serves as the IL APNA Chapter Secretary, and has a passion to assist psychiatric nurses as they advance in the specialty.

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