HOW TO OBTAIN CONTACT HOURS BY READING THIS ISSUE

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1. Read the article: “Evolution of Accreditation in Continuing Nursing Education in America,” on pages 493-499, carefully noting the tables and other illustrative materials that are provided to enhance your knowledge and understanding of the content.

2. Read each question and record your answers. After completing all questions, compare your answers to those provided within this issue.

3. Type or print your full name and address and your social security number in the spaces provided on the Registration Form. Indicate the total time spent on the activity (reading article and completing quiz). Forms and quizzes cannot be processed if this section is incomplete. All participants are required by the accreditation agency to attest to the time spent completing the activity.

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Objectives: After studying the article, “Evolution of Accreditation in Continuing Nursing Education in America,” in this issue, the participant will:

1. Discuss the historical development of continuing nursing education.
2. Identify the accreditation criteria required by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
3. Discuss professional issues in the advancement of continuing education.
4. Identify specific standards in excellence in continuing nursing education.
5. Explain the importance of accreditation in the process of continuing nursing education.

Evolution of Accreditation in Continuing Nursing Education in America

1. Nurses participate in continuing education activities for the following purpose:
   A. To obtain time away from work and relieve stress.
   B. To demonstrate their competence to the public.
   C. To meet national competency requirements.
   D. To satisfy public demands for qualified workers.

2. One of the most important things continuing nursing education courses can provide is:
   A. Defense for one’s nursing practice behaviors.
   B. Uniform policies and procedures for healthcare.
   C. Historical data for research projects.
   D. A bridge between practice and research.

3. Based on American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) requirements, there must be an individual designated as the nurse planner. This individual must be a registered nurse with:
   A. A master's degree in nursing.
   B. Graduate preparation with a degree in nursing.
   C. Bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.
   D. Graduate preparation with a degree in adult education.

4. What is the minimum time an organization must have a program offering continuing education courses before submitting an application to the ANCC:
   A. No specified amount of time.
   B. 3 months.
   C. 6 months.
   D. 1 year.

5. According to the ANCC, all continuing education programs must be grounded in what theory:
   A. Social learning theory.
   B. Development theory.
   C. Adult learning theory.
   D. Cognitive psychomotor theory.

6. Continuing education topics should be identified by the continuing education planning committee based on:
   A. Members’ topics of interest.
   B. Past program attendance statistics.
   C. Administrators’ financial support.
   D. Needs assessment data.

7. Topics for continuing education can be based on which of the following principles:
   A. They should be legally and ethically supportable.
   B. They should be legally and politically supportable.
   C. They should be ethically and morally supportable.
   D. They should be morally and legally supportable.

8. Which of the following would indicate that a continuing education program that focuses on evidence-based practice is most successful:
A. Participants report achievement of learning objectives.
B. Supervisors note changes in bedside practices.
C. Instructors evaluate performance of required skills.
D. Patient surveys indicate greater satisfaction with care.

9. Canada has identified requirements for nurses to document continuing competence. Which of the following is required by Canada for documenting continuing competence:
   A. Developing an annual learning plan.
   B. Attending certified continuing education programs.
   C. Passing an examination with 70% immediately following a continuing education program.
   D. Having annual supervisory evaluations.

10. One of the most important benefits of ANCC accreditation is that it:
   A. Indicates adherence to national standards.
   B. Provides a process for synthesizing information.
   C. Is accepted by state boards of nursing.
   D. Provides support for educational cost reimbursement.

CNE Quiz

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EVALUATION
Must be completed for contact hour certificate to be awarded.

YES NO
1. The content of the article was accurately described by the learning objectives:
   □ Discuss the historical development of continuing nursing education.
   □ Identify the accreditation criteria required by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
   □ Discuss professional issues in the advancement of continuing education.
   □ Identify specific standards in excellence in continuing nursing education.
   □ Explain the importance of accreditation in the process of continuing nursing education.

2. The content met my educational needs.  □  □
3. The content was relevant to my nursing practice.  □  □

4. How much time was required to read the article and take the quiz?  140 165 190 215 240 (minutes)

5. Please list the topics that you would like to see future activities address: __________________________

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