

**“The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization. Its purpose is to maintain and improve the knowledge, understanding and skill of nurses in the fields of gastroenterology and gastroenterology endoscopy by developing and administering a certification program.”**

Nursing is considered both an art and a science. The science is inherent in the specific skills that are performed by the registered nurse and patient outcomes achieved. The art is how one delivers those nursing skills. Demonstrating certification in a particular specialty within the field of nursing ensures standards are maintained while delivering those skills.

Nursing is a profession that often struggles within itself to verbalize what it is all about. Certification within an entity of nursing assists the profession in defining the role of the nurse, and in this setting, the field of gastroenterology. Minimal standards are determined, educational requirements to support those standards are identified, quality patient care is delivered, and professionalism is attained.

Certification programs are imperative to not only promote nursing as a profession but educate the public on the standards of patient care in a particular setting. The future of gastroenterology nursing is directly linked to the continued development and support of the certification program currently available. With a passion for nursing, a drive for success, and a team of dedicated individuals to a common goal, the sky is the limit!

It would be an honor to volunteer to serve on the Board of the ABCGN. The contributions I could offer include a passion for learning, a passion for nursing, and a passion to take the ABCGN to the next level!

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