

Essay

The purpose of ABCGN is to maintain and improve knowledge, understanding and skill of nurse in the field of gastroenterology and gastroenterology endoscopy by developing and administering a certification program. The purposes of certifications for gastroenterology nurses include:

- Demonstrating accountability to the general public for gastroenterology specialty practice
- Enhancing quality patient care
- Recognizing professional nurses who have met an accepted level of experience and demonstrated a standard of knowledge and experience in gastroenterology nursing and gastroenterology endoscopy practice
- Promoting personal satisfaction as a professional nurse
- Providing employers with a means of identifying professionals who have met a standard of achievement.

In 250, but not less than 200 words, describe how you see yourself contributing to the purpose of ABCGN and certification.

Note, no one will edit your essay for grammatical errors or word usage, review it carefully.

I have been committed to Endoscopy for the past 21 years having worked in both academic settings and an ambulatory care center. I have been certified as a gastroenterology nurse since 1990. I find the Endoscopy setting stimulating with continuous growth and opportunities to embrace new technology while affording the digestive health patient the best care that we as nurses have to offer. My position as Endoscopy Nursing Staff Development Specialist affords me the opportunity of patient contact and a more focused approach towards the development of staff and how we can best take care of ourselves and our patients. I continue to mentor and encourage nurses to share their knowledge by speaking and presenting at the local and national level. In my current position I have developed competencies and protocols for new procedures such as double and single balloon, EUS, liver biopsies, paracentesis. I am responsible for new staff orientation process as well as implementing annual staff competencies. I collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to provide staff in-services and just-in-time education. I serve on the Multi Regional SGNA education planning committee which has supported a GI nurse certification exam site for 5 of the past 7 years. As an OSGNA board member I have supported 2 certification exam sites in Ohio. In addition, the OSGNA board has provided scholarship monies for nurses to attend regional and national SGNA conferences. I look forward to the challenge of sharing my knowledge and experience while learning new approaches to improving the knowledge and skills of the gastroenterology nurse.