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### UPSTATE AHEC EARNS ACCREDITATION FROM AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER

Greenville, South Carolina-Upstate AHEC is pleased to announce it achieved accreditation by American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

ANCC Accreditation distinguishes organizations that demonstrate quality and excellence in the curriculum design and delivery of continuing nursing education (CNE). Accreditation organizations, like Upstate AHEC meet comprehensive, evidence-based criteria to ensure CNE activities are effectively planned, implemented and evaluated. Nurses in the market served by Upstate AHEC now gain access to the highest caliber of education to meet certification or licensure requirements, which in turn contributes to improved health care outcomes.

“We are proud to be recognized by ANCC for our commitment to continuous improvement and highest quality and integrity of continuing education for nurses,” says Jennifer Walker, Director of Distance Education and Lead Nurse Planner at Upstate AHEC. “ANCC accreditation gives nurses assurance that by choosing Upstate AHEC, they will receive the best CNE available.”

ANCC accreditation is a voluntary, peer review process intended to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of continuing nursing education, making it worthy of public confidence. Accrediting organizations, like ANCC, assess providers of continuing nursing education to ensure they meet rigorous global standards established by ANCC.

**UPSTATE AHEC is a federally and state funded 501 (c)3 non-profit organization committed to the improvement of healthcare through education. The mission of Upstate AHEC is to be the leader in health professions through education by linking students to health careers, health professions students to communities, the healthcare workforce to continuing education and our communities to better health. The core values of Upstate AHEC include service, integrity, dedication and excellence.**

**THE AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER (ANCC)**, is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC’s internally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments; and accredit providers and approvers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. Learn more at [www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)