



ACCREDITED APPROVER UNIT

Policy Manual

Approver Unit Autonomy

Policy

By virtue of its accreditation status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the ANA Massachusetts Approver Unit operates in an autonomous manner in all matters related to current ANCC/ANA MA criteria.

Procedure:

1. Questions from potential providers or providers of individual activities and/or approved providers are usually received by Approver Unit Support Staff who are prepared to answer questions of a quantitative manner. If response is out of the quantitative realm, the question should be directed to the AU Director).
2. Questions from potential providers or providers of individual activities and/or approved providers directed to anyone other than a member of the AU should be referred to the AU Director.

Rationale: The Director **has the authority within the organization to evaluate adherence to the ANCC Accreditation Program criteria in the provision of continuing nursing education.*

The Director maintains knowledge of current criteria and impending changes in criteria via several methods including, but not limited to:

- minimum of annual attendance at ANCC Conferences and Workshops for Accredited Approver Units
- monthly participation in ANCC sponsored Conference Calls for AU Directors whose Approver Unit approves Individual Activities
- monthly participation in ANCC sponsored Conference Calls for AU Directors whose Approver Unit approves Providers of continuing nursing education
- weekly visits to the ANCC Accreditation website

Reference:

2015 ANCC Primary Accreditation Approver Application Manual, p 10

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