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Who can apply?

The DANA Pathways to Advanced Certification Program is open to registered nurses with Drug and Alcohol experience and expertise and to DANA members and non-members alike.

Not a DANA member? Why not join now?
Go to <http://www.danaonline.org>
and click on the 'join/renew' tab.

Re-certification

After the initial certification process, and towards the end of the third year of your certification you will be sent an invitation to apply for re-certification.



Source Documents

- » Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CONNO) – National Nurse Credentialling Framework July 2011
- » Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Specialist Nursing Standards and Competencies January 2012
- » Australasian College for Infection Prevention and control. <http://www.acipc.org.au/>
- » New Zealand Nurses Organisation Position Statement on Nurse Credentialling.
- » Aotearoa New Zealand Addiction Specialty Nursing Competency Framework 2012
- » Addiction Specialty Nursing Competency Framework: A competency framework for nurses working in the addiction specialty July 2010

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Pathways to Advanced Certification Program

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE!



ARE YOU...

- ✓ Passionate about nursing excellence?
- ✓ Committed to providing the best patient care?

DANA is passionate too; passionate about helping nurses in their journey to excellence. That's why we've developed the DANA Pathways to Advanced Certification Program.

What is the DANA Pathways to Advanced Certification Program?

The DANA Pathways to Advanced Certification Program provides nurses with the opportunity to:

- » validate their experience, knowledge and expertise;
- » distinguish themselves as addiction nurses;
- » enhance their professional confidence;
- » retain a strong professional identity as a ACAN;
- » enhance career opportunities;
- » contribute to better patient outcomes.

"ADVANCED CERTIFICATION WILL ENCOURAGE ME TO BECOME THE BEST NURSE I CAN BE"

Tim Emerton NP

What is Advanced Certification?

"Advanced Certification" is an evaluation of a nurse's experience, educational preparation and ongoing professional development against a set of established standards.

Who decides?

DANA has established an independent Credentialling / Advanced Certification Advisory Committee, which includes experienced Addiction Nurses, to assess applications against the certification criteria.

How do I apply?

Full details about DANA Pathways to Advanced Certification Program are available in the "Application Package and Guidelines" available for download from the DANA website, www.danaonline.org.

Alternatively send an email to credential@danaonline.org and request a copy.

Need help with your application?

Help is at hand! DANA wants to make the process of applying to become a ACAN as simple as possible. We've developed a list of FAQs which can be found at the DANA website, www.danaonline.org. Just click on the tab labelled "credentialling".

We've also appointed a mentor especially to guide applicants through the certification process. Send an email to mentor@danaonline.org

"WE DON'T GET A CHANCE TO DO THAT MANY THINGS, AND EVERY ONE SHOULD BE REALLY EXCELLENT. BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LIFE."

Steve Jobs