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Belle Oakes Owner Completes Gero Nurse Prep and Successful Board Certification

Esther E. Nederhood, RN, C-AL, CDP, CALD, owner of Belle Oakes Living Center, Bella Rose Rehabilitation and Aquatic Center and Lake 2 Lake Transport has been awarded board certification in gerontological nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the country's leading agency in nurse certification.

Ms. Nederhood prepared for gerontological certification by successfully completing a specialized, online continuing education training program, AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep, a nationally accredited online course, which is designed for long term care nurses and aims to improve quality of care and prepare long term care RNs for board certification.

Because most RNs have little or no formal education in gerontology, AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep provides RNs with cutting-edge information on how to prevent and manage the many serious health problems that plague older adults and diminish their quality of life, especially those in long term care facilities.

As with physicians, board certification is the "gold standard" of quality, and recognizes a high level of knowledge, skill, and professional achievement in a specialty area of nursing. Board certified nurses have been shown to have a significant impact on quality of care, yet, only 1% of the nation's RNs are now certified in gerontological nursing.

Ms. Nederhood was sponsored for both the AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep training program and the board certifying examination by Belle Oakes Living Center Facilities with board certified nursing staff set themselves apart as ones that are committed to protecting the public and ensuring the highest standard of care for their residents.

The AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep course was specifically designed as a tool long term care facility administrators could use to advance the training of their entire RN staff, thereby assuring that their RNs provide the highest quality care and advance the quality initiatives within the facility. For more information about the AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep course, go to www.geronurseprep.org.