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Pardee Nurse Receives National Recognition

(Hendersonville, NC) Jeanette Burrell, RN, recently achieved national certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Medical-Surgical Nurse. Burrell works on 2 West, the general surgery unit at Pardee Hospital.

Burrell has been with Pardee for two years. She was born and raised in California but has called the mountains of Western North Carolina home for nearly twenty-five years. “The certification took about six months from start to finish,” said Burrell. “That’s one of the things I really like about Pardee. There are so many opportunities to learn and grow here as a nurse,” added Burrell.

According to Michelle Jones, Nursing Director for 2 West, Jeanette is an outstanding nurse. “She is driven to learn more and more and shares that information with her patients and co-workers,” said Jones. “Jeanette is pursuing her BSN through Western North Carolina’s distance learning program, and is also traveling to Europe early next year to work in a hospital in London as part of her educational requirements for her BSN. She is a true example of nursing excellence at Pardee Hospital.”

The requirements for nurses applying for this initial certification include having at least 2,000 hours of clinical practice in the past three years, 30 contact hours within the last three years, and a current, active, unrestricted professional RN license.

The ANCC is the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization, offering general and advanced practice certification in more than 35 specialty areas. ANCC certifications and designations are highly regarded by federal, state and local agencies. The ANCC is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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