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**Hensley receives certification in addictions medicine**

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Jill Hensley, R.N., CARN, a nurse in [medical detoxification](#) at Pardee Hospital, recently received her certification in addictions medicine through the [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#) (ANCC). She is now a Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN).

“Jill’s certification verifies what we already know about her wealth of knowledge concerning the care for our patients with addictions,” said Bridget Barron, RNC, BSN, director of the psychiatric and medical detox units at Pardee. “Often times when one colleague attains certification in this specialty area of nursing care, fellow nurses are motivated and encouraged to follow suit. Certification substantiates that we are specialists in our field of practice.”

Addictions can be difficult, but nurses specializing in the field can be very helpful. Nurses with sufficient addiction experience can document their expertise in addiction nursing by passing a rigorous test to become recognized as a CARN. Certified addictions nurses must have three years experience as an R.N. and a minimum of 4,000 hours (two years) nursing experience related to addictions.





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The [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#) provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas.

[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 an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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