



TrueNorth Application FAQ

Q. How do we calculate the percentages for the certification rates in Category 1?

A. This entry should be given as a percentage. To calculate the percentage of certified nurses, please use the following formula:

Total number of certified (CNOR + CSSM) FTE perioperative nurses ÷ total number of FTE perioperative nurses eligible for certification (both certified and uncertified) X 100

Q. Will there be any exceptions to the word count limitations for the written entries?

A. No. To facilitate judging of the large number of entries and to have an even playing field for all submissions the word counts will be strictly monitored. Any entries exceeding the word count will be truncated.

Q. Should we use the names and credentials of the people who have completed specific projects, such as speaking engagements, posters, etc.?

A. Secondary to word count limits it is not required that you list names and credentials. Space permitting, listing names and credentials is allowed. The use of bullet points versus a narrative is encouraged to maximize the content submitted.

Q. Should the work submitted be placed into the electronic rubric or can we place the documentation on a word document according to category?

A. All of the responses have to be entered in the designated area of the online application. Word Document submissions will not be accepted.

Q. Who should the letters be addressed to?

A. The TrueNorth Scoring Committee

Q. Should we mention any volunteer work for CCI in our application?

A. Yes. Volunteer work done with CCI, if meeting application criteria, may be submitted.

Q. Should pictures to support the written documentation be included?

A. There is no mechanism to download additional files or photographs. Entries are limited to the written application.

Q. What kind of exemplars for ANCC Magnet Program are you looking for?

A. Achievements cited as exemplars for ANCC Magnet Recognition programs may be utilized in the application. Due to the diversity of documentation which may be submitted under this program we do not specify a particular document. The nature of this application requires a description of the exemplar versus a copy of a document. The CCI staff can assist with the choices to be used in the application.

Q. Is there a specific time frame for which activities must have been accomplished?

A. Yes, activities that have been accomplished prior to January 1, 2014 will not be accepted.