

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

Contact Information

Name: Jeffrey T. LaRiche, Chief Executive Officer

Phone: 919.657.6908

Email: jlariche@castleworldwide.com

The American Nurses Credentialing Center Selects Castle Worldwide to Conduct Role Delineation Studies for Five Nursing Specialties Effective February 1, 2010

Morrisville, N.C. – February 1, 2010 – The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) selected Castle Worldwide, Inc. to conduct role delineation studies as well as related psychometric consultation for five nursing specialty certification examinations offered by ANCC to include psychiatric and mental health, medical surgical, pediatric, gerontology, and cardiac/vascular nursing specialties.

“ANCC sets the pace for nursing specialty certification by maintaining the currency of its examination programs through role delineation study,” said James P. Henderson, Ph.D., senior psychometrician and executive vice president, Castle Worldwide. “ANCC demonstrates its commitment to the public by following the accreditation requirements of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and the American Board of Nursing Specialties. Castle is pleased to work with ANCC on such important projects.”

“Updating the test blueprint every three years through a job/task analysis is critical to the validity of ANCC certification examinations for nurses. Castle Worldwide was selected to perform a job/task analysis of five nursing specialties (psychiatric and mental health, medical surgical, pediatric, gerontology and cardiac/vascular) based on Castle’s expertise in job/task analysis and their experience with ANCC,” said David Paulson, PhD, CAE, Director, Measurement Services for ANCC.

###

About Castle

Castle Worldwide, Inc. is a full-service testing firm serving business, educational, governmental, and professional organizations. Testing services include the development of high-stakes certification and licensure examinations and practice tests, administration of paper-and-pencil and Internet-based examinations at more than 400 established test sites in more than 40 countries, and online delivery of practice tests to help candidates prepare for examinations. Fulfillment services include candidate registration, candidate eligibility review, recertification application processing, and certificate printing, along with specialized consultation services ranging from program evaluation and new program design to statistical reviews and analyses to industry-specific applications and policy reviews. In addition to the extensive testing services offered, Castle applies our psychometric expertise to the training arena and works

with clients to produce personalized training and testing programs. For more information, visit <http://www.castleworldwide.com>.

About ANCC

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the tools they need on their journey to excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas, recognize healthcare organizations for nursing excellence through the Magnet Recognition Program[®], and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC offers an array of informational and educational services and products to support its core credentialing programs.

ANCC is the world's largest and most prestigious nurse credentialing organization. ANCC certification exams validate nurses' knowledge and skills. More than a quarter million nurses have been certified by ANCC since 1990. More than 135,000 nurses are currently certified by ANCC. ANCC is passionate about helping nurses on their journey to nursing excellence. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA). For more information, visit <http://www.nursecredentialing.org>.