

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the date for the rescheduled conferences?

The co-located ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference® and ANCC National Magnet Conference® will be held in-person, in Atlanta, Ga., November 11-13, 2021. Preconference events will begin November 9.

When will dates be decided for the 2021 ANA Virtual Event?

The ANA Virtual Event will be held in spring 2021. Exact dates will be announced by early spring of 2021.

Will there be a call for abstracts for the 2021 ANA Quality & Innovation Virtual Conference?

The call for abstracts was conducted for the original 2021 in-person conference. The abstract call is closed, and abstracts are currently being reviewed and selected for the virtual event. We expect to make decisions on the abstracts in early 2021.

What were the primary factors considered in rescheduling the ANCC Pathway to Excellence and Magnet conferences to November 2021?

As announced in July, we continue to monitor the critical factors and feasibility of holding in-person conferences in 2021. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns in the late summer and fall, we have made the difficult decision to reschedule to November 2021.

Many factors were considered in this very complex decision and three stood out: 1) Safety and security of attendees; 2) Financial constraints facing attendees; and 3) Feasibility of live events requiring social distancing measures, including alternative venues/platforms. After weighing the data, we determined – based on current information and in service to our attendees – we would hold an ANCC Virtual Summit on October 7-8, 2020, and the ANA Quality and Innovation Conference virtually in the spring of 2021. The co-located ANCC National Magnet Conference and ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference will be held in-person, November 11-13, 2021, in Atlanta.

When will registration open for the November 2021 ANCC National Magnet Conference and the Pathway to Excellence Conference?

Registration will open in late spring 2021. If you registered for the 2020 Pathway Conference, please see the question about prior registration, below.

Will health care organizations that received their designations in 2019 and 2020 be publicly recognized at the 2021 conference (i.e., walk the stage)?

Yes! All organizations receiving Magnet® designation or redesignation (between September 2019 and June 2021) or Pathway designation or redesignation (between February 2019 and June 2021) will be publicly recognized at the in-person conference. The ANCC program teams will work with your organization if you are unable to attend.

What is the plan for the 2020 Awards: ANCC Pathway Award®, ANCC Magnet Prize®, Pathway Nurse of the Year™, and National Magnet Nurse of the Year®?

The 2020 ANCC Pathway Award and 2020 Pathway Nurse of the Year Award winners have already been selected and we are evaluating the presentation plan options. The 2020 ANCC Magnet Prize and 2020 National Magnet Nurse of the Year Awards will be complete by November 2020 and we are also evaluating presentation options.

All **2021** award winners will be publicly presented at the November 2021 conference.

Do you anticipate preconference events for the 2021 Pathway & Magnet conference?

Yes. The events you typically enjoy (e.g., program guidance courses, seminars, review classes, program director sessions) will be scheduled as usual, starting November 9, 2021.

I had an abstract selected for poster (or podium) presentation at the 2020 Pathway Conference and/or the 2020 Magnet Conference. Can I present in 2021?

Yes! You are automatically invited to present at the November 2021 conference. If you cannot attend, our nurse planners will provide further instruction.

I have registered and paid for the 2020 Pathway to Excellence Conference®. What happens to my registration fee? Can I attend in 2021?

Yes! Your registration fee will remain unchanged and will be credited to the rescheduled November 2021 Pathway Conference in Atlanta. The conference is being held with the ANCC National Magnet Conference®, November 11-13. Your paid registration fee will provide entry to both conferences at no additional cost. (Please note, preconference events and other ticketed events are priced separately and require an additional and separate registration fee.) If you registered for a Pathway preconference event, more details will be available soon. If you are unable to attend the November 2021 conference, [email pathway@mcievents.com](mailto:pathway@mcievents.com).

What should I do about housing for the 2021 Pathway and Magnet Conference?

When registration opens in late spring, housing will also open. At that time, we will post a link to our contracted conference hotels in Atlanta. If you have any housing questions, please contact the Connections Housing team at ANCCHousing@connectionshousing.com.

Please note: Connections Housing is the only official housing provider for ANCC. Please do not accept hotel offers or reservations from any other source as most are scams. Only by booking

with Connections Housing will you receive certain protections and benefits that are included in ANCC's hotel contracts.

Can we expect the same conference agenda as in past years?

Yes, and more! Both Pathway and Magnet conferences will be held in ONE location. You can expect excitement and fun as always! Your favorite events are all on tap, including the welcome celebration, general session speakers, tons of CNE options, concurrent sessions, posters, networking, exhibitors and sponsors, and a chance for relaxing, celebrating, and storytelling.

Is there anything in 2020 that I can participate in prior to the 2021 conferences? Yes, the ANCC Virtual Summit™ is designed for all nurses from around the world in every phase of their careers – from novice to seasoned professional – and for nursing professionals who are pursuing continuing education credits, certification, and leading their organizations pursuing or maintaining organizational credentialing programs. The ANCC Virtual Summit™ is available on demand until January 8, 2021. *You can still register to view and earn CNE credits until January 8, 2021. [Register for the ANCC Virtual Summit here.](#)*