Frequently Asked Questions

Updated June 16, 2021

What is the date and location for the 2021 co-located ANCC 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.

When can I register for the conference and reserve hotel space?
Conference registration and housing open the week of June 21. Registration link coming soon.

Can I reserve housing directly from the hotels?
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. You will receive certain protections and benefits by booking with Connections Housing. Housing opens with registration the week of June 21. Go to ANCCHousing@connectionshousing.com.

Will there be pre-conference events for the 2021 Pathway and Magnet® conference? Yes. The events you typically enjoy (e.g., program guidance courses, seminars, and program director sessions) are scheduled for Monday, November 8 through Wednesday, November 10. Fees and attendance eligibility rules apply for some workshops.

Is there a virtual option for registration?
Yes! We are excited to offer both a face-to-face conference and digital (virtual) experience! The face-to-face conference provides everything you’ve been waiting for PLUS access to the digital experience at no extra cost!

I am a digital experience-only registrant, what does this include?
For digital experience-only registrants, your sessions occur over two days, November 11-12. You start on opening day (November 11) with livestreaming of the general session. Sixteen concurrent sessions have been pre-selected and will cover both Magnet and Pathway topics. Eight concurrent sessions will be released each day of the two-day digital experience. Pre-selection is not required. Posters will also be available for viewing starting on November 11. You can view the posters and concurrent sessions, on-demand, through December 31, 2021.

On day two (November 12), livestreaming includes organizational and individual nurse awards plus the keynote speaker! Access continues for the 16 concurrent sessions and posters, on-demand, through December 31, 2021. Attendees must complete concurrent and poster evaluations by December 31 to obtain CNE credit.
Are we required to register for activities specific to our program (Magnet or Pathway), or is the in-person conference open to all?
This year’s conference is specially designed to meet the needs of all program attendees. For the in-person event, all general sessions will be together in one space. The concurrent sessions will be identified on the conference app by program. You can customize your own experience and attend any concurrent sessions you want, including posters, best suited for your needs.

What are the conference fees this year?
Registration and housing open the week of June 21. Here is a sneak peek at registration fees and options:

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**ANA member discount**
*membership number required at registration

| **Individual** | $829 | $929 | $1,150 | $409 |

Are there registration discounts for early bird or groups?
Yes! Pricing discounts apply for eligible groups. **Only one discount may be applied per registrant; no combining of discounts is allowed.**

I am an ANA member. Is there a registration discount for me?
Yes! ANA members receive a $100 discount on individual registration fees (does not apply to group or other discounts).
How did ANCC come to the decision to move forward with the conferences this year?
It was with great pride, commitment, and responsibility, that ANCC made the decision to push forward as planned with hosting a co-located, in-person event in Atlanta. Personal and professional events were canceled or moved to a virtual environment, including ANCC’s 2020 conferences. Now, with wide access to COVID-19 vaccines, loosening of public health measures, and a return to a ‘new normal,’ our plan is to provide you a world-class conference experience.

Why Atlanta?
Atlanta is a vibrant city with a rich history that is home to world-renowned health care systems and hospitals. The city is a beacon for forging meaningful change in society, driving civil rights, and advancing health care delivery, which is also foundational to modern nursing practice. ANCC is energized to gather in Atlanta this fall and leave a strong nursing footprint. We plan to host a safe event as well as connect with the community and engage with local hospitals and health systems.

What safety protocols are in place for the conference?
We are excited to come together in-person again, but also recognize this year will be a little different. Your safety remains our top priority.

**HEALTH PROTOCOLS.** The City of Atlanta is open for business and has been safely hosting events for several months. To bolster the world-class safety protocols already in place at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) and our host hotels, we are providing the following resources and highlighting some of the COVID-19 protocols you can expect to see.

**Mask Wearing**
(Note, this is subject to change and we will update this guidance closer to November.)
- Currently ANCC is considering mask zones in locations where large numbers of attendees will gather, such as general sessions and concurrent session rooms.
- We have also increased seating for meals so attendees can enjoy themselves outside of mask zones.
- If you have not been vaccinated, ANCC strongly encourages you to wear a mask while attending the conference.

**Physical Distancing**
- Dedicated entry and exit points will be established wherever possible to spread people more evenly throughout the space.
- The check-in and badge pickup process will have more locations to reduce crowding at registration.

**Local Health and Safety Mandates**
- ANCC will follow all local health and safety mandates, which include encouraging anyone planning to attend be vaccinated or have recently received a negative
COVID-19 test
(Note, neither vaccination nor negative tests are required for attendance.)
· City of Atlanta Covid Update: https://discoveratlanta.com/coronavirus/
· GWCC Covid Update: https://www.gwcca.org/returnplan

Facility cleaning in hotels and our convention center, GWCC.

GBAC STAR™ Accreditation
· GWCC was the first convention center in the United States to achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation for cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention. It is the industry’s only outbreak prevention, response, and recovery accreditation. GBAC STAR enables facilities to create and maintain an organized, effective approach to work practices, protocols, procedures, and systems to control risks associated with infectious agents, such as SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19.
· Enhanced physical cleaning will be a high priority with ongoing sanitizing of high-traffic areas throughout the convention center and hotels including common areas, bathrooms, door handles, elevators, and escalators.
· Electrostatic sprayers are part of the standard overnight cleaning regimen inside meeting rooms, ballrooms, and auditoriums. Electrostatic sprayers contain positively charged particles that adhere to surfaces and thus are effective in disinfecting the entire room including chairs, tables, and other surfaces.
· Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the convention center and in our official hotels.
· Upgraded HVAC filters are in use for improved air quality.

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. Also, be sure to check the schedule once posted for an extensive list of preconference events.

Will health care organizations that received their designations in 2019 through 2021 be publicly recognized (i.e., walk the stage)?
Yes! All organizations receiving Magnet designation or redesignation (between February 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 2021 Awards: ANCC Pathway Award®, ANCC Magnet Prize®, Pathway Nurse of the Year™, and National Magnet Nurse of the Year®?
All 2021 award winners will be publicly presented at the November conference.
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 2021 Pathway Conference in Atlanta. Your paid registration fee will provide entry to both the Pathway and Magnet conferences at no additional cost. (Please note, pre-conference events and other ticketed events are priced separately and require an additional and separate registration fee.) If you are unable to attend the November 2021 conference, the deadline for refunds is July 29, 2021. Please email pathway@mcievents.com.