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LOCAL NURSE ACHIEVES CAPA® RECERTIFICATION

Debra Swandal, RN, a recovery nurse at Livingston HealthCare was recently granted recertification as a Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia (CAPA) Nurse by the American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification (ABPANC). She joins 9,000 other perianesthesia nurses who have advanced certification in their specialty.

Perianesthesia nurses are registered nurses who care for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. There are two certifications – the CAPA and the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN). Debra has achieved and maintained both of these certifications.

The CAPA and CPAN certifications validate the knowledge that Debra has gained through professional education and experience. Nurses who seek advanced board certification demonstrate a commitment to their chosen field and to promoting the highest level of quality care.

To achieve recertification, nurses must have a current, unrestricted RN license, a minimum of 1200 hours of perianesthesia nursing experience, and either successfully complete a rigorous 175-question examination or earn 90 hours through ABPANC's continual learning program. These programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC).

More information about CAPA and CPAN certification programs can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>. For more information about Livingston HealthCare, visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org.

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