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Pardee nurse receives certification in gerontological nursing

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Lee Ann Bray, RN-BC, of Pardee Hospital's general medicine and oncology unit, recently received her Certification in Gerontological Nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

A geronotological nurse works primarily with older adults incorporating specific core competencies in order to assess, manage and implement healthcare to meet the specialized needs of older adults and evaluate the effectiveness of the care. These nurses actively involve older adults and family members in decision making, which impacts the quality of the older adult's everyday life.

"I am so proud of Lee Ann for continuing her education and attaining board certification in gerontological nursing, a field that is projected to take off in the next few years as the Baby Boomers age," said Sandy Weeks, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, director, medical and oncology nursing at Pardee.

Bray has been with Pardee Hospital for more than seven years. In order to obtain this certification, she had to have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in gerontological nursing and at least 30 hours of continuing education in gerontological nursing in the past three years. In addition, Bray had to pass a rigorous exam.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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