

WRMC Nurses Earn National Certification

White River Medical Center (WRMC) is pleased to announce that Mindy Doyle, RN, CMSRN, Whitney Scribner, RN, CMSRN and Melanie Creighton, RN, CMSRN have all recently attained Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) status after successfully completing the nationally recognized MSNCB credentialing examination. Only six medical-surgical nurses in Arkansas have achieved this level of advanced certification.

The Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse credentials recognize the highest standards of medical-surgical nursing practice. The Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) establishes credentialing mechanisms for validating proficiency in medical-surgical nursing.

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) Accreditation Council founded in 1991 is a non-profit organization that accredits specialty nursing certification examination programs signifying that a certifying organization has demonstrated compliance with rigorous standards for certification. This is a testament to the public about the quality of an individual nurse's certification credential(s).

Among the eligibility criteria, registered nurses must have two full years (of the last 5 years) of experience practicing as an Registered Nurse in an adult medical-surgical clinical setting and have accrued a minimum of 3,000 hours clinical practice as a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, clinical educator, faculty, manager, or supervisor.

The primary goal of specialty certification is to help nurses serve as advocates for patients and to inform the public about the advantages of certification. For the medical-surgical nurse, this means they have specialized knowledge in all aspects of adult healthcare practices in all settings. Nurses must ensure that the patients they care for are informed and understand all the health care options that are available to them and then support and respect the decisions they make.

“We are so proud of our nursing staff at White River Medical Center,” says Administrator Gary Bebow. “Nurses like Mindy, Whitney and Melanie are leading the way by working to advance their careers and the standard of nursing excellence by achieving national certification.”