March 19 is recognized as Certified Nurses Day – the day when nurses celebrate their nursing certification. On this day, organizations around the world join together to honor the dedication and service of certified nurses.

Certified nurses make a difference in the lives of their patients every day. They work incredibly hard to improve patient outcomes and be extraordinary health care providers. They exemplify professionalism, dedication, expertise, and service to nursing and their patients.

We encourage you to take the time to recognize your colleagues who are certified and spread the word about Certified Nurses Day.

>The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) launched Certified Nurses Day to give certified nurses their own annual day of recognition (www.certifiednursesday.org). March 19 was the chosen day because it is the birthday of Margretta Madden Styles, a visionary nursing leader and scholar who was known as the 'Mother of Nurse Credentialing.'