



## Ivinson Memorial Hospital Press Release

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### **IMH Nurses Receive Certification**

(Laramie, Wyoming) – Three Ivinson Memorial Hospital nurses recently received certification in medical-surgical nursing. Certification of nurses within their respective practice is a major step forward in IMH’s efforts to reach **Magnet** status, a program which recognizes health care organizations that provide the best in quality patient care and uphold excellence in professional nursing practice.

Certification also shows the staff’s immense dedication to the hospital, their profession and the welfare of our community. When you are cared for at a facility that encourages their staff to be certified, you can rest assured that you are receiving top-quality care from staff that is knowledgeable and experienced in their field!

Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) is the earned credential that recognizes that the highest standards of medical-surgical nursing practice have been achieved. Nurses can become certified by successfully completing the MSNCB examination and meeting other requirements. The MSNC Board exists to establish credentialing mechanisms for validating proficiency in medical-surgical nursing. Nationally, 6000 nurses currently hold the certification. Certification shows that nurses have taken that extra step to validate their knowledge and skills.

Four IMH nurses attended the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses conference in October. Of the four, one already is a CMSRN. The remaining three studied and took the exam, all three passed. Other requirements to obtain the certification include at least 2 years of practice and at least 3000 clinical hours obtained in the previous 3 years. Janice Ankle, Judy Leyva and Chris Knudsen all met the requirements for certification and are now CMSRNs.

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