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National Consortium of Breast Centers Receives Accreditation of its BHCN and CGRA Certifications from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

WASHINGTON July 4, 2023—The NCCA accredited the **National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC) Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment (CGRA) and Breast Health Clinical Navigator (BHCN)** for a five-year period, expiring **July 4, 2028**, during its recent meeting.

Founded in **1986**, **NCBC**, is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience, and ethics requirements for certification. Currently, **171 Navigators have earned the newly accredited BHCN Mark and 148 licensed medical professionals, specializing in Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment have earned the newly accredited CGRA Mark** and are certified to use the **BHCN and/or the CGRA** designation.

National Consortium of Breast Centers received NCCA accreditation of its Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment Certification and the Breast Health Clinical Navigator Certification programs by submitting an application demonstrating the program's compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. [Click here to purchase a copy of the NCCA Standards.](#)

There are more than 315 NCCA-accredited programs that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. Of ICE's more than 370 organizational members, 130 of them have accredited programs.

ICE's mission is to advance credentialing through education, standards, research, and advocacy to ensure competence across professions and occupations. NCCA was founded as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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