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(Name of organization) would like to announce their sponsorship of (number) registered nurses in a program leading to board certification in gerontological nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the country's leading agency in nurse certification. This program is being underwritten by a grant from (source of grant).

These nurses will be prepared for gerontological certification by successfully completing an online training program, *AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep*, a nationally accredited course. This course was designed specifically for long term care nurses with the aim of improving quality of care.

Because most RNs have little or no formal education in gerontology, *AHCA/NCAL Gero Nurse Prep* provides RNs with cutting-edge information on how to prevent and manage the many serious health problems that plague older adults and diminish their quality of life, especially those in long term care facilities. Facilities with board certified nursing staff set themselves apart as ones that are committed to protecting the public and ensuring the highest standard of care for their residents.

As with physicians, board certification is the "gold standard" of quality, and recognizes a high level of knowledge, skill, and professional achievement in a specialty area of nursing. Board certified nurses have been shown to have a significant impact on quality of care, yet, only 1% of the nation's RNs are now certified in gerontological nursing.