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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEART FAILURE NURSES (AAHFN) and (**YOUR MEDICAL CENTER**) CELEBRATES CERTIFIED HEART FAILURE NURSE (**Your City, State, & Date**) - (**Your medical institution**) announced that (**you & title**) has become a Certified Heart Failure Nurse (CHFNP). The AAHFN marked another opportunity to qualify in AAHFN-CB's heart failure nurse certification program (Certified Heart Failure Nurse: CHFNP). Currently, candidates are able to participate in the exam by way of the Annual Conference in June or local computer based testing. There are now 1,080 CHFNP and 2 CHFNP-K worldwide, representing all but three US States, including eleven from Canada and two from Bermuda.

This program ([www.heartfailurecertification.com](http://www.heartfailurecertification.com)), developed by the AAHFN Certification Board (AAHFN-CB), provides a CHFNP credential and demonstrates, by examination and application criteria that includes contemporary heart failure education and practice requirements, that the registered nurse has acquired a core body of specialized knowledge in heart failure and disease management. Nancy Albert, PhD, RN, CHFNP from The Cleveland Clinic and Chair of the AAHFN-CB, helped outline the purpose of this certification, which is to promote the highest standards of practice within the specialty, validate attainment of a common knowledge base required for practice, and encourage and promote continued educational growth.

"Heart Failure certification demonstrates specialized knowledge and skill in the care of the HF patient across the continuum. Nurses certified in heart failure serve as a role model and demonstrate a professional commitment to ensuring evidence-based quality care." Marilyn A. Prasun, PhD, CCNS, CHFNP, FAHA, president of AAHFN.

AAHFN continues to set the highest standard for heart failure nursing offering several key educational tools & resources:

Certified Heart Failure Nurse Program (CHFNP)

Heart Failure Nursing Certification: Core Curriculum Review – Second Edition

Basic Heart Failure Nursing Pocket Guide

30 Readmission Pocket Guide

Patient Education Resource Center ([aahfnpatienteducation.com](http://aahfnpatienteducation.com))

Heart Failure Readmission Symposium in three different locations in 2014

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 25-27, 2015

Online Educational & Webinar forums

Advanced Heart Failure symposium

(Optional insert quote from chief executive officer or other spokesperson here.)  
(Example) “We are so proud to have (your name) represent (name of provider organization) as a CHFN. We are committed to exceptional heart failure care for our patients and (your first name) skill & determination have been demonstrated in acquiring this distinction. We’ve always known how serious (your first name) is when it comes to providing a caring patient response and now her peers and her patients have increased confidence as is proven by this designation,” says (provider organization spokesperson).

### **About AAHFN**

The American Association of Heart Failure Nurses unites professionals in the support and advancement of heart failure practice, education and research to promote optimal patient outcomes. AAHFN is dedicated to advancing its nursing education, clinical practice and research with the goal of setting the highest standards for heart failure nursing care.

Learn more at [www.aahfn.org](http://www.aahfn.org), 888-45-AAHFN.

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