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**ANA PUBLISHES FINAL WORK FROM THE LATE DR. MARGRETTA
MADDEN STYLES**

“Specialization and Credentialing in Nursing Revisited: Understanding Issues, Advancing the Profession”

SILVER SPRING, MD – On Monday, April 14, 2008, ANA unveiled the final contribution to nursing’s body of knowledge by Margretta “Gretta” Madden Styles, RN, EdD, FAAN, at the 2008 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Stakeholder’s Meeting at ANA headquarters.

“ANA is pleased and proud to publish Gretta Styles’ latest work which challenged the larger nursing community to be forward thinking in devising a model for APRN credentialing that will well represent advanced practice nurses for the future,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “We are equally delighted to host a historic meeting among Stakeholders that now brings forward a single set of recommendations for APRN regulation which meets Gretta’s challenge.”

Dr. Styles started this book in 2005 as a subsequent edition to her earlier work, *On Specialization in Nursing: Toward a New Empowerment* (1989). After Dr. Style’s death in 2005, ANA committed to continuing the work of updating and publishing a new version of this text, in order to increase the awareness about APRNs’ commitment to education, credentialing and certification.

This book sheds light on a recurring issue in nursing: the specialization and credentialing of nurses in advanced practice. Substantial changes in educational expectations and certification requirements, and the proliferation of nursing specializations have sparked debates on appropriate credentials, scope of practice, and state-by-state regulation of nursing scope of practice.

With an emphasis on advanced practice, *Specialization and Credentialing in Nursing Revisited* frames the issues around nursing specialization, sub-specialization, and credentialing in a manner that will inform all parties involved. The authors examine the trends and the evolution of APRN credentialing and practice, including such key topics as:

- The ongoing conceptual and practical debates about specialties and subspecialties on both basic and advanced practice levels.

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- The questions and challenges about what constitutes appropriate credentials and what scope of practice and privileges should be associated with them.
- The numerous new educational curricula that prepare APRNs and the increasing pressure by state boards of nursing to control entry into APRN practice.
- The mismatches that can occur between graduate curricula and certification and licensing requirements.

Finally, Dr. Styles challenges the profession to craft a future oriented credentialing and regulatory model for APRNs that is collaborative, standardized and consistent across roles and states.

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