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BOTHWELL NURSE EARNS RECERTIFICATION AS NEUROSCIENCE REGISTERED NURSE

SEDALIA – Bothwell Regional Health Center Registered Nurse Kathy Ernst has earned her recertification as a Neuroscience Registered Nurse through the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing.

Neuroscience nurses provide care for patients with nervous system conditions, such as seizures, head and brain trauma, spinal cord injuries, brain tumors, and multiple sclerosis.

Being recertified will help Ernst in her work at Bothwell with patients suffering from head injuries, stroke, Parkinson's, dementia and other conditions. With Bothwell since April 2010, Ernst works in the health center's Progressive Care Unit. Bothwell's Progressive Care Unit provides an intermediate level of care for patients who no longer need intensive care but still require closer observation and heart monitoring. The Progressive Care Unit often is an intermediate step for patients between the Critical Care Unit and a regular general level of care.

Certification in neuroscience nursing is an important credential that attests to the achievement of specialty knowledge beyond basic nursing preparation. CNRN status is granted for five years and is renewed through validation of continuing education or re-examination. Nationally, more than 3,000 nurses have earned the CNRN designation.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 140-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at www.brhc.org.

The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing is the independent, not-for-profit corporation established to design, implement and evaluate a certification

program for professional nurses involved in the specialty practice of neuroscience nursing.