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Nurse Anesthetist Certifying Board Names New Chief Assessment Officer

Tim Muckle, PhD, Rejoins NBCR NA as Chief Assessment Officer

CHICAGO – June 10, 2021 – Tim Muckle, PhD, has been named Chief Assessment Officer for the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCR NA). The NBCR NA welcomes Dr. Muckle's return to the organization in this new role, having previously served as the NBCR NA Senior Director of Testing from 2008 through 2017—a time of considerable growth and change for the organization. He will assume leadership oversight of NBCR NA's Testing and Research departments and will begin his new role at the end of June 2021.

"The addition of Dr. Muckle is significant for the NBCR NA. As our assessment portfolio grows and continues to evolve, Dr. Muckle will work to advance and align our research initiatives to keep pace. His leadership will help NBCR NA to plan, implement and deliver our programs, while remaining a leader in the credentialing community," said NBCR NA CEO John Preston, DNSc, CRNA, FNAP, APRN. "Tim is highly respected in the credentialing and testing communities for providing sound psychometric leadership and adroitly executing organizational vision. His vast experience and expertise, combined with existing skill and knowledge in testing and credentialing, will enable Tim to immediately contribute to the NBCR NA's vision and mission as they relate to our assessment and research programs."

Dr. Muckle has published numerous articles in testing-related scientific journals, and has been a regular presenter at meetings of the National Council on Measurement in Education, the Association of Test Publishers, and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, among others. Prior to returning to the NBCR NA, Dr. Muckle most recently served in the role of Senior Director, Psychometrics and Testing, with the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

"I am delighted to return to the NBCR NA and to help guide the future of its assessment and research programs, especially the future direction of the Continued Professional Certification Program. As my connection with the organization goes back to 2002, I consider NBCR NA my professional home, so I am excited to return at this pivotal time for the organization," said Dr. Muckle. "I have long held the practice of anesthesia in high esteem, with particular regard to the role nurse anesthetists have played going back to the very roots of the trade. My fervent hope is that my contributions at the NBCR NA will support its mission to promote patient safety."

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About the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCR NA)

Our mission is to guard the well-being of the public by seeking to ensure that those who secure the CRNA credential have the necessary knowledge and skills to practice safely and effectively. The NBCR NA is the nation's certifying body for initial, continued, and subspecialty board certification of the more than 55,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). We accomplish our mission through the

development and implementation of credentialing programs that support lifelong learning among nurse anesthetists. We are a nonprofit organization, and our CRNA and Nonsurgical Pain Management (NSPM-C) credential programs are accredited by both the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). For more information about the NBCRNA, please visit www.nbcrna.com.