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MaryAnne Benedict, MSN, RN to Speak on Model for Improving Patient Care at American Holistic Nurses Association Annual Conference

Nurse Leader and School Chairman to Address Whole Health Education for Nurses

June 7, 2004, Wellesley, MA – The New England School of Whole Health Education, the pioneer of Whole Health Education, a holistic inspired international educational program for healthcare workers, today announced that Chairman of the Advisory Board, Mary-Anne Benedict, RN, MSN, will be speaking at the American Holistic Nurses Association Annual Conference on June 18, 2004 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Benedict will address the school's unique and innovative Whole Health Educator Certificate Program for Nurses.

Endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) and designed for nurses desiring to offer their patients more than symptom-oriented care, the Whole Health Educator Program for Nurses provides nurses with a model of relationship-centered, whole person health education, which demystifies the physical, emotional, nutritional, environmental and spiritual aspects of our lives, and their impact on health. Approved for nursing continuing education credits, the program enables nurses to create in the moment mindful, respectful listening interactions which has proven its ability to enhance overall health care delivery and improve patient outcomes.

Chairperson of the Advisory Board for the New England School of Whole Health Education, and considered an expert in continuing education for nurses, Benedict is one of nine nurses in the country to be appointed to the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC COA), the organization responsible for oversight of the accreditation for continuing education for nurses. An education consultant with more than 25 years of experience, Benedict has experience in all aspects of development, implementation, evaluation and administration of continuing education for health care professionals. As an education specialist and coordinator in the acute care hospital setting, she has developed and implemented patient and family education programs. In addition, she is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the National Association of Orthopedic Nurses (NAON), the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses (MARN) and the Massachusetts Nurse Association (MNA).

"AHNA is pleased to showcase our Endorsed Certificate Programs at this year's annual Conference," said Carolyn Atkinson, RN, MS, HNC, CHTP, former Education Administrator of the American Holistic Nurses Association. "The New England School of Whole Health Education, one of only eight programs with AHNA endorsement, offers comprehensive continuing education opportunities for nurses interested in deepening their understanding of holistic concepts and their application to patient care. The format of videotaped lectures with student interaction allows nurses the feel of the classroom setting all while in the comfort of one's own home."

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Founded in 1977, The New England School of Whole Health Education is the pioneer of the current Renaissance of Relationship-Centered Care and of Whole Health Education, a model of evidence-based patient health education, delivered in a relationship-centered, supportive learning environment. This approach integrates the most current medical research with the wisdom of spiritual teachings and a natural outlook on healing, centered on integrity and compassion. It combines one-to-one peer counseling with respectful listening, unconditional presence, the big picture of health and current evidence-based medical and integrative health information.

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About The New England School of Whole Health Education

Founded in 1977 and headquartered in Wellesley, MA, The New England School of Whole Health Education produces evidence-based, relationship-centered curriculums, which integrate current scientific and medical research, with the wisdom of various spiritual teachings and a natural outlook on healing, all centered on integrity and compassion. NESWHE's offerings include a Norman Cousins Award nominated Best Practice model – the Whole Health Education® certification program, a Whole Health Educator™ program for Nurses, endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association as well as associated programs for social workers, CAM practitioners, coaches and individuals which can be completed in-person or as self-study. Considered by leading medical experts to be the pioneers of Whole Health Education®, the school has instructed thousands of students with varying occupations from all over the U.S. For more information, visit www.wholehealtheducation.org or call (888) 354-4325.

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