

## About Module Authors

NCSBN would like to thank all of the authors and reviewers who have contributed to the online modules for Transition to Practice. They are all recognized experts in their fields and have played a key role in making Transition to Practice come alive.

As noted elsewhere, we have taken an approach to the online modules that combines academic and clinical perspectives in order to provide our new nurses with a well-rounded picture of each of the topics.

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