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Baker Receives 2015 HPCC CHPN® Certificant of the Year Award

Candace Baker, an admission nurse and palliative care liaison at VITAS Healthcare, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Candace Baker, RN, BSN, CHPN®, an admission nurse and palliative care liaison at VITAS Healthcare, is the recipient of the 2015 HPCC CHPN® Certificant of the Year Award, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center announced today. Baker was selected for her contributions to end-of-life care.

Baker received her initial CHPN® certification in 2008. She has been employed by VITAS Healthcare Corporation in Dallas, Texas, for 23 years. In her current role, Baker has introduced thousands of patients and families to hospice care and has done so with the highest level of professionalism, compassion, and knowledge.

Baker is credited as having had a major influence on VITAS being among the highest hospice enrollments of any academic tertiary care medical center in the country. She is dedicated to her own continuing education, as well as contributing to the continuing education of others – both within the agency and in other healthcare agencies and organizations, including for the local Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association chapter.

Baker provides education on hospice philosophy and critical conversations to the physician residences during their palliative care elective and has served as a resource of issues related of end-of-life care for floor nurses, physicians, and hospital system executives.

About HPCC

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