

# Nursing Certification Resources



Nursing certification validates that an RN has specialized knowledge and skills in a particular area of nursing. There are many types of nursing certifications, depending on your career level and area of practice. To earn a nursing certification, you will need to have some experience and take a proctored exam.

## What are some of the benefits of becoming a certified RN?



Advances your nursing career



Demonstrates your commitment to professional development



Increases recognition and respect



Builds confidence



Improves patient outcomes

## The certification process:

- 1 Research certifications.**  
*Research and choose a certification that aligns with your chosen specialty area.*
- 2 Check requirements.**  
*Research if the certification you choose has a specific requirement for the number of years or hours of experience needed.*
- 3 Study and prepare.**  
*Many organizations that offer certification have study guides, review courses or practice exams available.*
- 4 Apply.**  
*Apply to take the certification exam through the relevant certifying organization.*
- 5 Submit a Spend Authorization.**  
*Prior to taking the exam, submit a spend authorization form in Workday. This will be routed to your manager to sign and approve!*
- 6 Submit certification.**  
*Once you pass the certification exam, upload a copy of your certification in Workday. The Human Resources department will review and approve.*
- 7 Submit reimbursement.**  
*To be reimbursed for the initial certification exam fee, create an Expense Report in Workday using the approved Spend Authorization previously created in step 5. If you require assistance, reach out to the Human Resources department or refer to the **Tuition Assistance** policy, SY-HR-205.*

See the back of this flyer to find some resources and links to help guide your exploration of different certifications available based on specialty areas.

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» **Medical/Surgical Nurse Certifications (MEDSURG-BC or CMSRN)**

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses (AMSN) <https://www.amsn.org/certification>

» **Stroke Certification (CNRN or SCRN)**

American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) <https://www.abnncertification.org/scrn/about>

American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) <https://www.abnncertification.org/cnrn/about>

» **Emergency Department Nurse Certifications (CEN, CPEN, TCRN, TNS, SANE)**

Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) <https://bcen.org>

IDPH Illinois Trauma Nurse Specialist (Required for MHC ED RNs only) <https://illinoistraumanurse.org>

International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) <https://www.forensicnurses.org/page/Certification/>

» **Pediatric Nurse Certifications (CCRN (Neonatal), CCRN Pediatric, CPEN)**

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) <https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified>

Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) <https://bcen.org/CPEN/>

» **Infusion Therapy Nurse Certification/Oncology Nurse Certifications (OCN, CRNI, VA-BC)**

Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) <https://www.vacert.org/>

Infusion Nurse Certification Corporation (INCC) <https://www.ins1.org/crni>

Oncology Nursing Certification Company (ONCC) <https://www.oncc.org>

» **Orthopaedic Nurse Certification (ONC)**

Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB) <https://www.oncb.org/certifications/onc-certification/>

National Association of Orthopedic Nurses (NAON) <https://www.orthonurse.org/ONRC>

» **Rehabilitation/Swing Bed Nurse Certification (CRRN, SCRN, CNRN)**

Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) <https://rehabnurse.org>

» **PCU/Stepdown Nurse Certification (PCCN Adult)**

American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) <https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified/pccrn-adult>

» **ICU/Cardiovascular Nurse Certification (CCRN, CVRN-BC Level 1, CVRN-BC Level II, CMC, CSC, CV-BC)**

American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) <https://www.aacn.org/certification/get-certified/ccrn-adult>

American Board of Cardiovascular Medicine (ABCM) <https://www.abcmcertification.com>

» **Obstetrics and Antepartum Nurse Certifications (RNC-OB, RNC-MNN, RNC-LRN, RNC-NIC)**

National Certification Corporation (NCC) <https://www.nccwebsite.org>

» **Surgery/Ambulatory Nurse Certifications (CPAN, CAPA, AMB- BC, CNOR, CNAMB, CFPN)**

Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI) <https://www.cc-institute.org/>

American Board of Peri anesthesia Nursing Certification (ABPANC) <https://www.cpancapa.org/become-certified/cpan-or-capa/>

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

» **Bariatric Nurse Certification (CBN)**

American Association of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) <https://asmbs.org/professional-education/cbn/>

» **Miscellaneous Nurse Certifications**

**Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Certification (PMH-BC)**

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://nursingworld.org/our-certifications/> (\*\*Certification Review Course available free of charge)

**Informatics Nursing Certification (NI-BC)**

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

**Wound Care Certifications (WCC, CWCN, COCN, CWON, CCCN, AWCC, DWC, OMS, LLE)**

National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO) <https://www.nawccb.org/wound-care-recert-reqs>

Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) <https://www.wocncb.org/certification/wound-ostomy-continence>

**Diabetes Certification (CDCES)**

Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) <https://www.cbdce.org/become-certified>

**Pain Management Certification (PMGT-BC)**

American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) <https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>

American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) <https://aspmn.org/certification-2/>

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