

the **CNRN** Edge



*Leveraging the Value
of Specialized Experience
and Knowledge*

Neuroscience

Nurses and the CNRN Credential

The Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) credential represents specialized experience and knowledge in the care of patients with neurological trauma and illness. Earned and maintained by nearly 3,000 neuroscience nurses, the credential assists your patients, peers, and hospital administrators in recognizing your unique abilities in caring for a very special patient population.

Become a CNRN

Eligible registered nurses engaged in the care of neuroscience patients are granted the CNRN credential after successful completion of the CNRN certification examination.

To be eligible, a candidate must have current licensure as a registered nurse (RN) in

- the United States
- Canada
- a U.S. territory that grants licensure utilizing the U.S. State Board Test Pool examination or National Council for Licensure Examination.

Candidates from other countries will be considered if they meet a comparable licensure requirement and can read and understand the English language.

In addition, a candidate must be engaged in neuroscience nursing clinical practice or employed as an administrator, consultant, educator, or researcher. At the time of application, a candidate will have completed the equivalent of at least 2 years (4,160 hours) within the last 5 years of full-time direct or indirect neuroscience nursing practice as an RN.

For a detailed explanation of eligibility requirements and to apply to sit for the CNRN examination (available via paper-pencil or computer-based testing), obtain a copy of the *ABNN Candidate Handbook and Application*, available at www.cnrn.org.

You have the experience and knowledge. Challenge yourself by taking the CNRN examination, and give yourself the edge with neuroscience nursing specialty certification.



A Message to Hospital Administrators

The demanding and competitive healthcare environment creates ever-increasing challenges for healthcare institutions. Patients, current and potential staff, the community, and regulators evaluate your institution's commitment to excellence in nursing care. By demonstrating your investment in and commitment to the very best in nursing care, your institution's image and competitive edge are bolstered.

Your support of CNRN certification reveals your dedication to the highest standards of neuroscience nursing care and excellence in clinical practice. Certification testifies to the outstanding caliber of your nurses, promotes your commitment to neuroscience nursing, and thereby makes your institution more attractive to prospective nursing employees. It may also aid in attaining and maintaining Magnet status (as awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center [ANCC]).

Here is how hospital administrators can demonstrate support for CNRN certification:

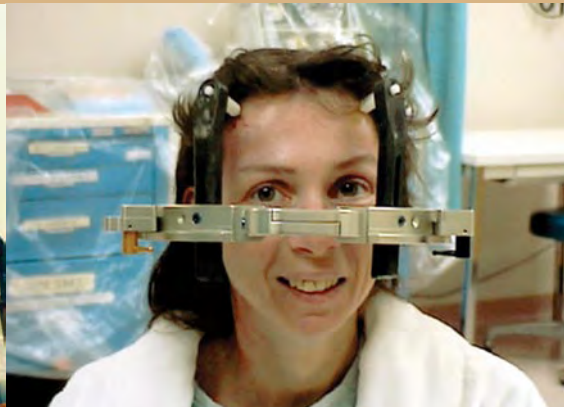
- Promote current CNRNs through public recognition of their achievement and ongoing support of their continuing education.
- Challenge and inspire the entire neuroscience nursing staff to sit for the CNRN examination.
- Provide financial and/or career development incentives to nurses who demonstrate their commitment to their patients and profession via certification.

These actions will have a positive impact on nursing staff performance and satisfaction while encouraging better outcomes for neurological patients. Furthermore, giving your neuroscience nurses the CNRN edge creates a valuable competitive edge for your institution.

Evaluating the CNRN Credential

Initially offered in 1978, the CNRN credential has a long history of promoting excellence in this specialized field by formally recognizing the attainment and demonstration of a unique body of knowledge necessary for neuroscience nursing practice.

The CNRN examination is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS), the only nationally recognized accrediting body for specialty nursing certification programs. The examination is based on periodic role delineation studies that identify the knowledge and experiences required of a practicing neuroscience nurse.



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