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Congratulations on your achievement!

Improving the Recertification Process

As the roles of neuroscience nurses have expanded, so too have the criteria for recertification. The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), guided by the recommendations of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) and member organizations, identified an opportunity to simplify the recertification categories and recognize the wide range of activities that CNRNs perform to improve neuroscience nursing practice. During this process, a thorough review of recertification criteria was undertaken. The current number of continuing education hours, as well as the number of years between certification, was found to be competitive with the standards of the ABNS. However, with increasingly diverse roles and interdisciplinary practice models, the members of ABNN sought to broaden the categories. Specifically, the neuroscience non-nursing and non-neuroscience nursing categories were combined and reclassified in the application. Recertification will continue to require at least 30 credits of continuing education in neuroscience within a period of 5 years, with the remainder of credits in program or project activities, research, teaching, publication, and involvement in professional organizations—all key responsibilities of the CNRN that pertain to the application and dissemination of neuroscience nursing knowledge. Although recertification using the newly revised criteria categories will be available in April 2009, the current recertification application will also be accepted for the 2009 recertification period through June 30, 2009, to provide a transition period. We believe, however, that you will find the new criteria more logical and reflective of the diverse roles that CNRNs participate in as leaders of neuroscience nursing. We will be presenting more detail about the new criteria at the CNRN breakfast in Las Vegas, on March 29, 2009. Come join us and learn about the ways that we are making it easier for you to recertify! For more information, please see www.CNRN.org.

Spring 2009 CNRN Exam

Applications are now available for the 2009 CNRN Exam. Those wishing to take the spring exam must complete and send in their applications by Friday, February 13, 2009. Please note—this is a received-by date, not a postmark date.

The Spring 2009 CNRN paper exam will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the AANN Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, following the CNRN Review Course held on Friday, March 27. Please check the ABNN Web site for additional independent test sites at <http://www.aann.org/credential/locations.html>.

The computer-based exam window opens on Saturday, March 14 and runs through Saturday, April 11, 2009. Please visit the Iso-Quality Testing Web site (<http://www.isoqualitytesting.com/mlocations.aspx>) to locate a testing center.

Visit the ABNN Web site at www.cnrn.org to download the 2009 Exam Application and view additional information.

Correction to November/December *E-News*

AANN would like to apologize for an omission in the previous issue of *Synapse E-News*. “The ABNN Test Development Committee: A Place to Grow as a Neuroscience Nurse” explained the role played by the ABNN Test Development Committee. In an editorial error, Arlene M. Kruzel, BSN RN-C CNRN, was not included in the list of volunteers. AANN would like to extend a most-sincere apology to Ms. Kruzel and thank her for her valuable contributions.