

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



Increases pay

The certification process:

- 1 Review SIH policy.**
See **Degree/Certification Pay Differential**, SY-NG-041 for a list of recognized certifications, reimbursement for exam and differential amount.
- 2 Research certifications.**
Research and choose a certification that aligns with your chosen specialty area.
- 3 Check requirements.**
Research if the certification you choose has a specific requirement for the number of years or hours of experience needed.
- 4 Study and prepare.**
Many organizations that offer certification have study guides, review courses or practice exams available.
- 5 Apply.**
Apply to take the certification exam through the relevant certifying organization.
- 6 Submit certification.**
Once you pass the certification exam, submit a copy of your certification card and a **Certification/Recertification Verification** form with Part 1 completed to the Human Resources department to receive certification differential pay.
- 7 Submit reimbursement.**
To be reimbursed for the initial certification exam fee, complete the **Tuition Reimbursement Form** and submit to Human Resources for reimbursement. See SIH's policy, **Tuition Assistance**, 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. Please refer to the **Tuition Assistance**, SY-HR-205 policy for a more detailed list of certifications recognized by SIH.

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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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