



# THE **CNRN** EDGE



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# 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 more than 4,800 nurses, the credential benefits 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 (RNs) engaged in the care of neuroscience patients earn the CNRN credential after successful completion of the CNRN certification examination.

Eligible candidates must have current licensure as an 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, an eligible candidate

- must be engaged in neuroscience nursing clinical practice or employed as an administrator, consultant, educator, or researcher
- will have completed the equivalent of at least 1 year (2,080 hours) of full-time direct or indirect neuroscience nursing practice as an RN within the last 3 years.

For a detailed explanation of eligibility requirements and to apply to sit for the CNRN examination, obtain a copy of the *CNRN Candidate Handbook* and online application, available at [ABNNcertification.org](http://ABNNcertification.org).



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## 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.

Support for 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 career development incentives to nurses who demonstrate 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 advantage 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 certification program is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), the only nationally recognized accrediting body for specialty nursing certification programs. The examination is based on periodic job analysis studies that identify the knowledge and experiences required of a practicing neuroscience nurse.

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





## ABOUT THE AGNES MARSHALL WALKER FOUNDATION (AMWF)

AMWF is dedicated to supporting neuroscience nursing through education, research, professional development, certification, and recertification to promote excellence in patient care. AMWF was founded with a generous bequest from Agnes Marshall Walker, a cofounder of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), and works collaboratively with AANN and ABNN to help support neuroscience nursing education in Agnes's honor.

### ABNN CERTIFICATION GRANT

ABNN Certification Grants are awarded on a rolling basis annually to nurses who need financial assistance to pay for the Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) or Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) examination. For more information about ABNN Certification Grants and to access the application, visit [AMWF.org/grants](https://www.amwf.org/grants) or e-mail [grants@amwf.org](mailto:grants@amwf.org)

### ABNN RECERTIFICATION GRANT

ABNN Recertification Grants are awarded to nurses to provide financial assistance to those who are due to recertify their CNRN or SCRN credential. For more information about ABNN Recertification Grants and to access the application, visit [AMWF.org/grants](https://www.amwf.org/grants) or e-mail [grants@amwf.org](mailto:grants@amwf.org).

Other grants offered by AMWF include research grants and travel grants to attend AANN educational conferences. Learn more about all of the grants offered at [AMWF.org/grants](https://www.amwf.org/grants).

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## SUPPORT AMWF



AMWF raises funds through the contributions of individuals like you who generously support the field of neuroscience nursing. Help us continue Agnes Marshall Walker's legacy by making a donation today at [AMWF.org/donate](https://www.amwf.org/donate).



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