



Certification Checklist

CN RN Checklist

- Earn RN licensure.
- Have 1 year (2,080 hours) of neuroscience nursing experience (indirect or direct) in the last 3 years.
- Complete an application for the CNRN exam at ABNNcertification.org/certification-center.

If paying by credit card:

AANN Member	\$300
Non-Member	\$400

If paying by check:

AANN Member	\$325
Non-Member	\$425

- Select your exam window.

Exam Window	March 1–31, 2026	July 1–31, 2026	October 1–31, 2026
Apply by	February 5, 2026	June 4, 2026	September 3, 2026

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

The exam is 220 questions and 4 hours in length; 20 of the 220 items are pre-test items that are not scored. Review exam content outline in handbook.



Study Tools Options

- AANN Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing, Seventh Edition
- Self-Paced CNRN Review Course
- CNRN Self-Assessment Examination
- Live CNRN Review Webinar
- CNRN Exam Prep Package
- Neuroscience Nursing Certification Review Focused CE Series
- Adventures in Neuroscience DVDs
- AANN Practice Parameters

DAY OF EXAM AT A TESTING CENTER



- Arrive on time.
- Bring one form of identification that contains a current photograph, your current name, and your signature. Bring one of the following:
 - Driver's license with photograph
 - State identification card with photograph
 - Passport
 - Military identification card with photograph

No forms of temporary identification will be accepted.

You will receive your pass/fail status at the testing site.

- Digital badges will be issued via email within 4–6 weeks of the examination date to those who pass.

PREPARE TO TAKE THE EXAM WITH LIVE REMOTE PROCTORING (LRP)

Review the technical requirements and exam day instructions at ABNNcertification.org/LRP.

You will receive your score immediately upon completion of your LRP exam. A pass or fail screen will be displayed upon completion of the exam. Additionally, a more detailed score report will be emailed to you.



Celebrate your achievement! Display your certification proudly with a CNRN pin or plaque available for purchase at ABNNcertification.org/recognition and use the Celebration Tool Kit to share your good news!

- Complete CNRN Recertification every 5 years.

- **Option 1:** Retake the exam
- **Option 2:** 75 CE hours working in neuroscience full-time
- **Option 3:** 100 CE hours working in neuroscience part-time

For full eligibility requirements, review the CNRN handbook at ABNNcertification.org.