



Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) and Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) Status Options

	Recertification	Inactive Status	Alumnus Status	Retired Status
What is it and who is it for?	CNRN/SCRN certified nurses who meet the eligibility requirements for full renewal of the CNRN/ SCRN credential (see ABNN website).	CNRN/SCRN certified nurses who temporarily do not meet eligibility requirements for recertification (whether it be practice hours or CE hours) and do not want to forfeit their credential, but plan to meet the recertification requirements within 3-years.	CNRN/SCRN certified nurses who no longer meet eligibility for active certification (i.e. no longer work directly or indirectly with neuroscience or stroke patients), but are still in the nursing profession (in some capacity) and wish to remain connected with the credential.	CNRN/SCRN certified nurses who have retired or plan on retiring their professional nursing career, with no plans to resume practice or renew certification.
Are neuroscience/stroke practice hours required?	Yes, candidates must have worked directly or indirectly (i.e. research, education, administrator, etc.) in neuroscience/stroke nursing for a certain timeframe within the past 5 years (see ABNN website).	When applying for Inactive status, candidates are not required to have the minimum practice hours for recertification. Once a candidate has met the full recertification requirements, candidates must meet all practice hours required to recertify.	No, candidates do not need to meet any direct or indirect neuroscience/stroke practice hours in order to apply for Alumnus Status.	No, candidates do not need to meet any direct or indirect neuroscience/stroke practice hours in order to apply for Retired Status. The candidate must be retired or planning on retiring from the nursing profession at the time of application.
Are CE hours required?	Candidates can choose to renew by passing the examination or by completing a certain amount of CE hours.	When applying for Inactive status, candidates are not required to have the minimum CE hours recertification. Once a candidate has met the full recertification requirements, candidates must meet all CE hours or pass the exam to recertify.	No, CE hours are not required for Alumnus Status.	No, CE hours are not required for Retired Status.
Does this need to be renewed?	Yes, every 5 years.	Candidates may not apply for Inactive Status for two consecutive cycles. If eligibility is not met at the end of the 3-year extension, the certification will no longer be renewable except by re-applying for and re-taking the examination.	Yes, every 5 years.	No, Retired Status does not need to be renewed.
Credential/Designation earned?	The CNRN/SCRN credential may be listed after a certificant's name.	Candidates may NOT use the CNRN/ SCRN credential after their names while in Inactive Status.	Candidates may use the "Alumnus CNRN" or "Alumnus SCRN" designation BELOW an their name and credentials, however, may not be used after a signature or on a name badge.	Candidates may use the "CNRN-Retired/SCRN-Retired" designation BELOW their name and credentials, however, may not be used after a signature or on a name badge.
Application Fees?	See ABNN website for official fees. Those who submit before October 1 st the year that they are due to renew save \$85.	An \$85 fee is required to apply for Inactive Status. Once a candidate meets the recertification requirements, they must pay the regular recertification fee.	\$85 for AANN Members \$115 for Non-Members	\$95 application fee
Re-Entering the Neuroscience/Stroke Nursing Force?	N/A	If candidates do not complete the full recertification requirements within the 3-year extension of Inactive Status, they must re-apply and pass the examination.	Alumnus Status holders may NOT apply for Inactive Status and will need to re-apply for and pass the examination to become fully certified. Alumnus Status holders may apply for Retired Status as long as they meet the eligibility.	Retired Status holders who re-enter the workforce must re-apply for and pass the examination if they wish to become fully certified.