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FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSING (ABNN):  
THE STROKE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE (SCRN®) CREDENTIAL

## OVERVIEW OF SCR N CERTIFICATION



### THE SCR N CREDENTIAL

A certification in stroke nursing provides the candidate with formal recognition of the attainment and demonstration of the unique body of knowledge necessary for the practice of stroke care. In awarding the Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) credential, ABNN recognizes nurses who demonstrate this knowledge through successful completion of the specialty certification. The recertification process is reliant on the accumulation of continuing education credits or retesting, consistent with established policies. Certification is recognized for a period of 5 years, at which point recertification is required to maintain the credential.

### ABNNcertification.org

#### HOW DO I BECOME CERTIFIED?

To become certified, you must pass the SCR N examination. The examination will be available in computer-based format at assessment centers in the United States or via Live Remote Proctoring.

### WHY CERTIFY?

- Professional recognition and credibility
- Distinction in your specialty area
- Personal achievement and accomplishment
- Career advancement and increased professional opportunities
- Potential for higher pay

### WHY SCR N?

The SCR N certification will distinguish you from your colleagues and give you a sense of professional accomplishment. The purpose of certification in stroke nursing is to promote excellence and professionalism and assure healthcare employers and the public that individuals possess the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience in stroke care to perform competently.

The high standards of the certification are ensured by the close working relationship among the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, the ABNN, stroke specialists, and testing experts.

## A MESSAGE TO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

The demanding and competitive healthcare environment creates ever-increasing challenges for healthcare institutions. Patients, staff, and the community evaluate your institution's commitment to excellence in nursing. By demonstrating your investment in and commitment to the best in stroke care, you bolster your institution's image and gain a competitive edge.

Certification testifies to the outstanding caliber of your nurses, promotes your commitment to stroke nursing, and makes your institution more attractive to prospective nurses. In addition, certification is an indicator of quality that will reassure patients. It also may aid in attaining and maintaining Magnet Status (as awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center [ANCC]) and Joint Commission Certification.

Here is how hospital administrators can demonstrate support for the SCRN certification:

- Challenge and inspire nursing staff to sit for the SCRN examination.
- Provide financial and career development incentives to nurses who demonstrate commitment to their patients and profession via certification.

The value of certification extends beyond the individual nurse and will benefit the employer in significant ways. Encouraging your nurses to earn the SCRN certification creates a valuable competitive edge for your institution.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible registered nurses (RNs) earn the SCRN credential after successful completion of the SCRN certification examination.

Eligible candidates must have current licensure as an RN in one of the following:

- the United States
- Canada
- a U.S. territory that grants licensure using 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, the candidate must have a minimum of at least 1 year full-time (2,080 hours) of direct or indirect stroke nursing experience within the past 3 years.

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



## EVALUATING THE SCRN CREDENTIAL

The SCRN 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 stroke nurse.

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



## 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 bequeath 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)

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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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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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