Certified Correctional Health Professional
Registered Nurse

Specialty Certification for Correctional Registered Nurses

Professional Advancement

Professional advancement as a correctional registered nurse provides immeasurable benefits and is highly regarded by management, peers, staff, and others. CCHP-RN certification makes a difference—to the patients whose care is provided by certified correctional registered nurses, to employers who desire the most qualified nurses on staff, and to the nurses who attain the credential.

This specialty certification recognizes CCHPs who have demonstrated knowledge to deliver specialized nursing care in corrections. The CCHP-RN credential is a highly valued symbol of achievement and leadership demonstrated through ongoing, focused, and targeted professional development in this unique field. Specialty certification is a validation of your dedication to continuing competence and quality service delivery.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility is extended to all qualified registered nurses. Prior to submitting an application, applicants must have:

- Current CCHP certification
- Current, active RN license within a U.S. state (for Canada and U.S. territories, credentials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis); the license must not be restricted to practice in correctional settings only
- Equivalent of two years full-time practice as a registered nurse
- 2,000 hours of practice in a correctional setting within the last three years
- 54 hours of continuing education in nursing, with 18 specific to correctional health care, within the last three years

Get Started

Elements of the application:

- Copy of professional licensure
- Signed application statement

Application deadlines for each exam are listed at www.ncchc.org/CCHP/calendar

Registration and Candidacy

Once the application has been approved, applicants will receive acknowledgment of their candidacy to take the CCHP-RN examination. The examination is administered throughout the year. Candidates must register before the registration deadline for the exam they wish to take.

Preparing for the Examination

The Candidate Handbook and recommended study materials to help prepare for the examination are available on the NCCHC website.

The Examination

Candidates who meet the basic eligibility and application requirements will take a proctored examination composed of 70 to 100 multiple-choice questions. Candidates are allowed two hours to complete the examination.

www.ncchc.org/cchp-rn
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Please submit your name exactly as you want it to appear on all official correspondence.

Name ___________________________________________ M F Degree/Credential _______________________

Facility Name ___________________________ Job Title ___________________________

Business Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ______ Zip+4 ___________

Home Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ______ Zip+4 ___________

Business Phone ( ) ___________________________ Home Phone ( ) ___________________________

Fax ( ) ___________________________ Email Address (required) ___________________________

Preferred mailing to:  □ Business  □ Home

Payment Information
The CCHP-RN examination fee is $320 ($305 if completed online). Please make check payable to the CCHP Board of Trustees. If it is determined that you do not meet the minimum application requirements or if you decide to cancel your application, $100 will be refunded. Cancellations must be requested in writing and received by NCCHC at least 10 business days prior to the examination date.

Please bill my  □ MasterCard  □ Visa  □ American Express

Name as shown on the card (please print) ___________________________________________

Card # ___________ Security code ___________ Expiration date ___________

Billing address (if different from above) ___________________________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Verification
I understand that certification depends on successfully completing all specified program requirements, including but not limited to application, investigation and examination.

By signing this application, I verify that (1) the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete; (2) I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for certification; (3) I meet the eligibility requirements for certification. I authorize NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board of Trustees to make any inquiries and investigations deemed necessary to verify my credentials, professional standing, and character and fitness.

I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation that I may make during the application or examination process may result in my being barred from taking the examination, invalidation of the results of my examination, denial or revocation of certification, or other appropriate action, as determined by NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board.

If certification is granted, I further understand that I must maintain eligibility for certification throughout the entire period of certification and that I have a continuing obligation to notify NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board if my eligibility changes at any time before, during or after the application and examination process. Failure to do so may result in denial or revocation of certification or other appropriate action, as determined by NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board.

I hereby indemnify and hold harmless NCCHC and the CCHP Board of Trustees, and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents, from any or all liability, loss or damage that may result from denial of my application for certification, failure to successfully pass the examination and/or denial or revocation of certification.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Apply online at www.ncchc.org/CCHP–RN
Mail: CCHP Board of Trustees, PO Box 6233, Carol Stream, IL 60197-6233
Fax: (773) 880-2424

About the National Commission on Correctional Health Care
The National Commission on Correctional Health Care is a not-for-profit organization working to improve the quality of care in our nation’s jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities. In addition to the CCHP program, the Commission establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities, operates a voluntary accreditation program for institutions that meet these standards, produces and disseminates resource publications, publishes position statements and other support materials, conducts educational programs and provides other services. NCCHC is supported by the leading national organizations representing the fields of health, law and corrections.

Visit www.ncchc.org/cchp-rn for the most up-to-date information including online application, exam dates and locations, ADA compliance, deferment and cancellation policies, continuing certification, FAQs and more!