

CCHP-RN: Specialty Certification for Registered Nurses





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- Specialty certification for registered nurses working in the correctional setting
- Recognizing the work you do and the difference you make
- Exclusively for registered nurses already CCHP certified
- From the most widely-accepted correctional health care certification program

What Is The Purpose of Nursing Certification?

- Assures the public that the nurse has completed all eligibility criteria to earn a specific credential.
- Promotes the development of specialty areas of nursing by establishing minimum competency standards and recognizing those who have met the standards.

CCHP-RN Certification: It's More Than An RN License

- Signifies a nurse has developed specialty knowledge beyond the entry level
- Based on current professional practice, so it validates a nurse's knowledge is up-to-date
- Correctional health care is complex. Certified nurses have both the knowledge and experience to deliver correctional health care effectively



American Board of Nursing Specialties

ABNS believes that the increasingly complex patient/client needs within the current health care delivery system, are best met when registered nurses, certified in specialty practice, provide nursing care.

“Specialty nursing certification is THE standard by which the public recognizes quality nursing care!”

Source: <http://nursingcertification.org/about>

Benefits of Nursing Certification

- Nearly 90% of respondents clearly prefer hiring certified nurses over non-certified nurses.
- 58% stated that they see a positive performance difference in certified nurses.
- Certification has a significant positive impact on patient care and patient safety.

Source: http://nursingcertification.org/resources/Documents/research/value_certification.pdf

Nurses Grow Through Certification

- Professional and personal rewards
- Financial incentives
- Advancement to higher levels on the career ladder or open doors to new professional opportunities
- Personal growth and greater satisfaction.
- Increase knowledge of correctional health care and current registered nursing practice
- Increase confidence in skills



Eligibility

- Be CCHP certified
- Hold a current, active RN license, not restricted solely to corrections
- Have practiced the equivalent of two years full time as a registered nurse
- Have a minimum of 2,000 hours in a correctional setting within the last three years
- Have completed 54 hours of continuing education, with at least 18 in correctional nursing within the last three years
 - You can verify this by downloading and completing the [application supplement](#), to keep for your records



Application

1. Submit application

- Online at <http://my.ncchc.org>

2. Complete application

- You will need to upload your license copy/verification and current resume/CV. Once logged in, click on the **“My CCHP Certification”** tab
- Applicants must complete their applications within 3 months of submitting the initial application.



Application Status

- Once the initial application has been submitted, instructions for completing the application are sent by email
- Once the application has been completed, email confirmation is sent and registration instructions are provided
- Applicants can login to their [myNCCHC](#) account to check their status by choosing the “**My CCHP Certification**” tab, then the “**Details**” button of the certification type in question (CCHP-RN)
- This applicant needs to upload their CV/resume and license copy

Requirements		
The following items are required in order to receive certification for this program.		
Component Detail	Status	Units Earned
Application Completed and Paid	Approved	1.00
License Submission	Pending Approval	1.00
Resume Submission	Pending Approval	1.00
Passed Examination	Pending Approval	1.00



Exam Registration

NCCHC Conferences and Partner Sites

- See the online [exam calendar](#) for all upcoming paper and pencil exams
- Login to [myNCCHC](#) account and a new tab, "Register for a CCHP Exam" will be available
- Candidates must take the exam within **6 months** of their application approval

Registration is available once the CCHP-RN application is complete and approved.



Exam registration Test Centers and Online

- Prometric will email approved candidates once per week with instructions on how to register
 - To see if there is a test center near you, [click here](#)
 - Candidates must take the exam within **6 months** of application approval
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Exam Preparation

- Refer to the [candidate handbook](#)
- Use the [reference materials](#)
 - [Correctional Nursing Practice: What You Need to Know](#)
 - [Correctional Health Care: Guidelines for the Management of an Adequate Delivery System](#)
 - [Correctional Nursing: Scope and Standard of Practice, 2nd Ed.](#)
 - [Essentials of Correctional Nursing](#)
- Review the [sample test questions](#)



Exam Preparation: Review Course

- While traditional nursing experiences may help in your transition to corrections, not one of them can fully prepare you for the role of a correctional nurse. It is a specialty that is often learned through on-the-job training, until now. Whether you are new to correctional health care or a seasoned professional, this course will provide an overview of nursing responsibilities from intake to release and the days, or even hours, in between. The material covered is also intended to assist candidates seeking the CCHP-RN certification to prepare for the exam.
- On-demand online review course: [CCHP-RN Review Course](#)
- [Standards Review and Exam At Your Location](#)



Content Outline

- I. Clinical Management of Inmate-Patients (45%-50%)
- II. Promotion of Safe and Secure Health Care Environment (5%-10%)
- III. Health Promotion and Maintenance (8%-12%)
- IV. Professional Role and Responsibilities (30%-35%)



Clinical Management of Inmate-Patients (45%-50%)

- Screening and Physical Examination
- Triage
- Sick Call
- Referrals, Transfers and Continuity of Care
- Management of Care
- Care Setting/Housing Assignment
- Therapeutic Communication and Behavior Management
- Response to Emergency Situations

Promotion of Safe and Secure Health Care Environment (5%-10%)



- Environmental Safety and Public Health
- Safety and Security Policies and Procedures



Health Promotion and Maintenance (8%-12%)

- Assessment of Risk Factors
- Health Education
- Discharge Planning



Professional Role and Responsibilities (30%-35%)

- Ethical and Legal Topics
- Management and Leadership
- Research



Exam Administration

- Proctored examination
- 70 – 100 multiple-choice, objective questions
- Two hours to complete the exam
- Exams are offered throughout the year at both NCCHC or partner exam sites as well as testing centers. Check the [CCHP exam calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Exam Results

Typically released within 1-2 weeks

By email (1-2 weeks post exam)

- First (and fastest) notification of pass/fail
- Contains link for employer notification
- Link to banner for email signature

By mail (2-3 weeks post exam)

- Official letter
- Certificate
- Press release
- CCHP-RN pin
- FAQs for recertification



Recertification Requirements

- Annual recertification
- \$100 annual recertification fee, includes both CCHP and CCHP-RN
- Continuing education: 18 hours nursing contact hours, with 6 specific to correctional health care
- Maintain RN licensure
- No retest required

Questions?

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