

**Committed to Nursing Excellence  
and Continuing Competence**



*CNA offers certification in 19 specialties  
and areas of nursing practice:*

Cardiovascular  
Community Health  
Critical Care  
Critical Care Pediatrics  
Emergency  
Enterostomal Therapy  
Gastroenterology  
Gerontology  
Hospice Palliative Care  
**Medical-Surgical (NEW)**  
Nephrology  
Neuroscience  
Occupational Health  
Oncology  
Orthopaedics  
Perinatal  
Perioperative  
Psychiatric/Mental Health  
Rehabilitation

2010

# Certification

*Exam Date: April 17, 2010*

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**Taking a moment to read about the  
CNA Certification Program may be one of  
the best career moves you make.**



**These national nursing specialty  
associations are actively involved in the  
CNA Certification Program:**

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and  
Neonatal Nurses – Canada  
[www.awhonn.org](http://www.awhonn.org)

Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses  
[www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca)

Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy  
[www.caet.ca](http://www.caet.ca)

Canadian Association of Medical and Surgical Nurses  
[www.medsurnurse.ca](http://www.medsurnurse.ca)

Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists  
[www.cannt.ca](http://www.cannt.ca)

Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
[www.cann.ca](http://www.cann.ca)

Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology  
[www.cano-acio.org](http://www.cano-acio.org)

Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
[www.carn.ca](http://www.carn.ca)

Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses  
[www.cardiovascularnurse.com](http://www.cardiovascularnurse.com)

Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses  
[www.cfmhn.ca](http://www.cfmhn.ca)

Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association  
[www.cgna.net](http://www.cgna.net)

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association  
[www.chpca.net](http://www.chpca.net)

Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Association Inc.  
[www.cohna-aciist.ca](http://www.cohna-aciist.ca)

Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association  
[www.cona-nurse.org](http://www.cona-nurse.org)

Canadian Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates  
[www.csgna.com](http://www.csgna.com)

Community Health Nurses Association of Canada  
[www.chnac.ca](http://www.chnac.ca)

National Emergency Nurses Affiliation  
[www.nena.ca](http://www.nena.ca)

Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada  
[www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca)

## Get Your Application Guide Now!

Yes, I am interested in earning a CNA certification credential.

Please send me the application guide.

I am interested in the \_\_\_\_\_  
specialty/area of nursing practice.

Please indicate quantity required:  ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_  FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_

Information about the certification program is available  
online at <http://getcertified.cna-aicc.ca>

Yes, I would like other promotional material.

ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_  FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_

### Send by mail or fax to:

CNA Certification Program Processing Centre  
1400 Blair Place, Suite 210, Ottawa, ON K1J 9B8

Tel.: 1-800-450-5206 • Fax: 613-237-6684

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address  Home  Work

Street \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### How did you find out about the CNA Certification Program?

- Brochure
- Organization for your specialty/  
area of nursing practice
- Journal ad
- Friend or colleague
- Conference
- Poster
- Provincial or territorial association
- Website
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## The Benefits of Certification

- Confirms that your knowledge is current in your specialty/  
area of nursing practice
- Demonstrates your sincere commitment to your profession,  
your specialty/area of nursing practice and your career
- Shows your desire to challenge your skills and knowledge  
at a national level
- Prepares you for positions of greater responsibility in your  
specialty or area of nursing practice
- Increases your credibility, marketability and recognition with  
the public, your peers and other health-care professionals
- Includes you in a countrywide community of nurses committed  
to nursing excellence and continuing competence

## Maintain Your Credential

Your certification is valid for five years. To renew, you must  
meet the required hours of nursing experience in your specialty  
or area of nursing practice and either rewrite the certification  
exam or complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuous  
learning activities in your specialty or area of nursing practice  
during the five years of your certification term.

## Get the Guide!

For complete details on earning certification in your nursing  
specialty or area of nursing practice, visit CNA's website at  
<http://getcertified.cna-aicc.ca>

You can also fax or mail the attached form to CNA, or  
telephone us at 1-800-450-5206.

## Confirm Your Eligibility

To be eligible to write a certification exam, you must:

- hold current registration/licence in Canada as a registered nurse;
- have your supervisor or a consultant in your specialty or area  
of nursing practice complete the endorsement section of the  
application; and
- meet one of the experience and education requirements.

For detailed eligibility criteria, download the application guide from  
the CNA website or order the guide from the website or by using  
the attached form.

## Cost

Visit <http://getcertified.cna-aicc.ca> to find the current certification fees.

## Prep Guides

Candidates who are eligible to take the exam will be given access to  
an online prep guide for their specialty or area of nursing practice.

A CNA certification prep guide is developed for each nursing  
specialty/area of nursing practice by the same expert nurses who  
create the certification exam. Published by CNA, each prep guide  
includes a list of national competencies and a bibliography for the  
specialty/area of nursing practice, as well as some practice exam  
questions to help with exam preparation.

## Use the Web

More information about the CNA Certification Program – including  
forms and guides for download – and links to national nursing  
groups can be found at <http://getcertified.cna-aicc.ca>.

## Important dates to remember

### For 2010 Candidates taking the Initial Certification Exam

- Applications are accepted by CNA between **September 1  
and October 16, 2009**.
- Exams take place on Saturday, **April 17, 2010**.

### For 2010 Candidates renewing their certification by Continuous Learning or Exam

- Applications are accepted by CNA between **September 1  
and November 20, 2009**.
- Certification renewal is for candidates whose certification  
term ends in **2010**.
- Exams take place on Saturday, **April 17, 2010**.

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