



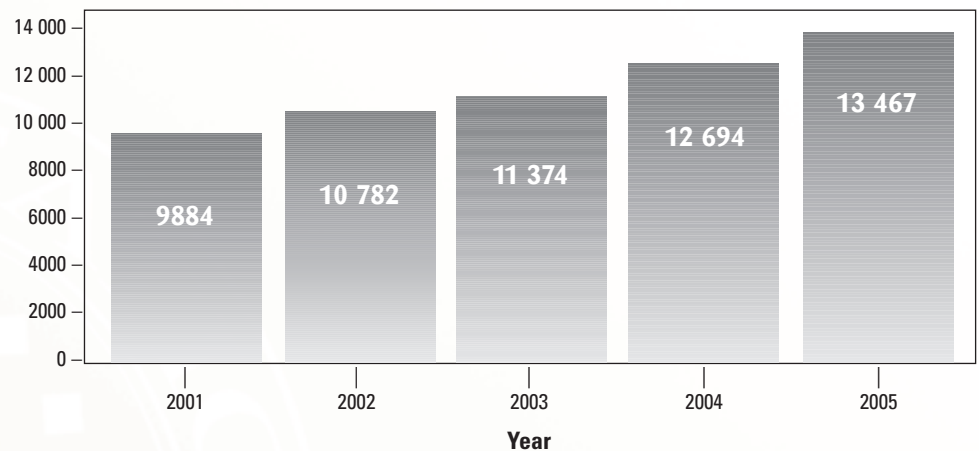
### CERTIFICATION STATISTICS FOR 2005

The CNA Certification Program continues to grow in the number of nursing specialties, examinations offered as well as the number of nurses certified in the program. By achieving CNA certification, nurses commit to a national standard of professional competence that demonstrates broad understanding of their specialty. Specialty certification is a voluntary process reserved for nurses who meet rigorous practice, continuous learning and testing requirements.

Currently, registered nurses in Canada can become certified in 17 different specialties through the program, which has grown each year since it began in 1991. By 2005, a total of 13,467 RNs were able to put the CNA certification credential after their names.

**Figure 1.**  
Number of RNs With Valid  
CNA Certification by Year  
(All Specialties), 2001-2005

*Source: Canadian Nurses Association,  
Department of Regulatory Policy*



### CERTIFICATION SPECIALTIES

Between 2004 and 2005, the number of RNs with valid CNA certification grew in all specialties except psychiatric/mental health, occupational health and perioperative nursing.

The total number of certified nurses in Canada increase by six per cent in the year 2005. Newer speciality certifications such as gastroenterology and hospice and palliative care are growing rapidly with rates of 69 per cent and 54 per cent respectively.

Gerontology has the most certified nurses at 1,822, followed by psychiatric/mental health nursing with 1,761.

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**Table 1.**

Number of RNs with Valid  
CNA Certification by Year  
and Specialty, 2001-2005

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	140	298	415	546	660
<b>Critical Care</b>	1029	1126	1154	1235	1263
<b>Critical Care – Pediatrics</b>	0	0	34	46	61
<b>Emergency</b>	1203	1233	1292	1305	1353
<b>Gastroenterology</b>	0	0	0	87	147
<b>Gerontology</b>	837	1180	1411	1628	1822
<b>Hospice and Palliative Care</b>	0	0	0	491	756
<b>Nephrology</b>	752	828	877	921	963
<b>Neuroscience</b>	159	171	163	192	207
<b>Occupational Health</b>	988	1013	1000	988	952
<b>Oncology</b>	1000	1028	1081	1137	1231
<b>Perinatal</b>	273	414	488	578	619
<b>Perioperative</b>	1921	1845	1772	1777	1672
<b>Psychiatric/Mental Health</b>	1582	1646	1687	1763	1761
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9884</b>	<b>10782</b>	<b>11374</b>	<b>12694</b>	<b>13467</b>

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## SNAPSHOT OF CNA CERTIFICATION IN CANADA

Table 2 gives a breakdown by specialty and province or territory of the number of RNs with valid CNA certification. This table includes all RNs who became certified or who recertified from 2001 to 2005.

**Table 2.** Number of RNs with Valid CNA Certification by Specialty and Province/Territory, 2005

2005	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NT	NS	ON	PEI	QC	SK	USA	YT & NU	TOTAL
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	55	150	**	50	25	0	45	237	*	32	43	0	0	660
<b>Critical Care</b>	89	128	28	24	51	**	47	765	13	60	52	0	*	1263
<b>Critical Care – Pediatrics</b>	8	10	*	0	0	0	6	25	0	6	*	0	0	61
<b>Emergency</b>	79	187	56	60	48	15	95	736	14	22	36	0	5	1353
<b>Gastroenterology</b>	23	23	*	*	*	*	6	74	*	6	7	0	0	147
<b>Gerontology</b>	290	568	95	49	52	*	91	592	40	27	**	0	0	1822
<b>Hospice and Palliative Care</b>	99	155	67	31	*	0	39	324	*	22	13	0	*	756
<b>Nephrology</b>	88	113	34	14	27	*	40	585	*	39	20	0	0	963
<b>Neuroscience</b>	24	21	11	*	*	0	17	85	0	31	12	0	*	207
<b>Occupational Health</b>	95	52	22	26	26	0	50	642	*	9	24	*	0	952
<b>Oncology</b>	95	85	64	40	31	*	46	721	**	101	37	0	0	1231
<b>Perinatal</b>	30	95	24	33	9	10	29	351	18	11	**	0	*	619
<b>Perioperative</b>	229	226	98	64	93	*	78	779	17	52	33	0	*	1672
<b>Psychiatric/Mental Health</b>	44	130	13	55	32	**	83	1346	23	26	*	0	0	1761
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1248</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>7262</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>13467</b>

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