

## CNA CERTIFICATION IMPROVES PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE

### CNA CERTIFICATION

The Canadian Nurses Association's (CNA) certification program offers the only bilingual, nationally recognized nursing specialty credential. Being CNA certified shows that you're committed to an advanced standard of professional competence and have a comprehensive understanding of your nursing specialty.

#### Initial eligibility

If you're an RN or NP with at least two years' experience (3,900 hours) within the last five years in one of the 21 specialties and endorsed by a supervisor, you are eligible to become CNA certified. RNs and NPs from all domains — clinical, education, administration, research and policy — are welcome to apply. Candidates for certification must pass a computer-based exam.

**Exam preparation resources** are available at [getcertified.cna-aiic.ca](http://getcertified.cna-aiic.ca) under Exam Preparations and from the specialty associations.

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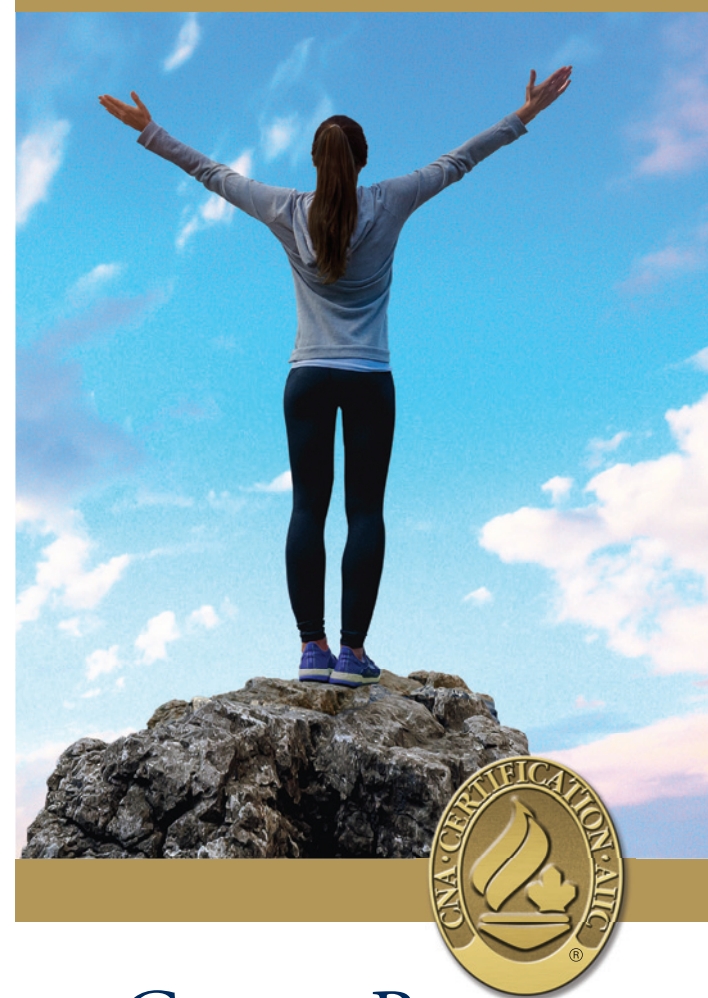
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### COMMIT TO EXCELLENCE



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## LEADING EMPLOYERS INVEST IN THE BEST

**Enhance quality of care standing with certified nurses in your organization.** Top health-care employers across Canada support certification because they want registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) who are committed to advanced professional competence in their specialty.

## Demonstrate your organization's commitment to excellence

- Increase patient satisfaction
- Increase retention
- Be consistent with national best practice standards
- Improve patient safety and outcomes

## Exam based on national standards

National standards on which nurses are tested are developed through a rigorous development process led by psychometricians and nurse experts. Regular reviews of the exam content ensure it is up to date so certified nurses continue to meet the current national standards.

**Financial incentives are available to organizations who support 10 or more nurses to become certified.**



**LOWER RATES OF CENTRAL-LINE-RELATED INFECTIONS IN SURGICAL ICUs ARE CORRELATED TO HIGHER RATES OF CERTIFIED NURSES<sup>1</sup>**

## CARE TO BE THE BEST IN YOUR PRACTICE

**Join the leading edge of health care** with the more than 17,500 CNA-certified RNs and NPs who are valued by employers for demonstrating their specialized knowledge.

## Enrich your lifelong passion — Get Certified

- Achieve national recognition for your practice excellence
- Gain enhanced professional credibility
- Develop a strong sense of achievement and personal confidence in your practice
- Connect to a network of certified peers
- Commit to lifelong learning by continually meeting national best practice standards

**Significant discounts available to CNA members and groups of 10 or more nurses.**

**SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF FALLS IN UNITS WITH TWO OR MORE GERIATRIC-CERTIFIED NURSES<sup>2</sup>**



## GET CERTIFIED, STAY CERTIFIED

**Re-invest in yourself.** To renew, accumulate a minimum of **2,925** hours' experience related to your specialty over five years in any of the five nursing domains — direct patient care, education, research, policy or administration — **plus, either:**

- **Rewrite and pass the exam** or
- **Accumulate 100 continuous learning (CL) hours** related to your specialty over five years

Continuous learning opportunities to succeed in today's health-care settings include specialty education, webinars, conferences and CNA's biennial convention (June 18-20 in Ottawa).

## Receive automatic CL hours

Join your specialty association to automatically receive CL hours towards your certification renewal.

Visit [cna-aic.ca/certificationspecialties](http://cna-aic.ca/certificationspecialties) for more.

**COMMIT TO NURSING EXCELLENCE AND CONTINUING COMPETENCE**

<sup>1</sup> Boyle, D. K., Cramer, E., Potter, C., Gatua, M. W., & Stobinski, J. X. (2014). The relationship between direct-care RN specialty certification and surgical patient outcomes. *AORN Journal*, 100, 511-528. doi:10.1016/j.aorn.2014.04.018  
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