Earn Your Mark of Distinction

BOARD of CERTIFICATION for EMERGENCY NURSING

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BCEN® certifications provide designations to emergency nursing professionals who demonstrate the knowledge essential for the following specialty certifications:

- Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN®)
- Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN®)
- Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN®)
- Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN®)

To qualify for the exams, you must be a registered nurse with a current, unrestricted license. Two years of experience in the specialty is recommended prior to taking the exam (CPEN candidates have additional requirements). Recertification is required every four years.

“All of our flight nurses have successfully achieved specialty certification, demonstrating their commitment to the delivery of outstanding patient care.”

—Kyle Madigan, MSN, RN, CEN, CFRN, CTRN, CMTE, CCRN

I believe wholeheartedly in the value of certification. Passing the certification exam really frees you in many ways to practice the art of nursing because you believe in the science of what you know.

—Kathleen R. Albert, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN
Test Preparation

Prep Exams for CEN®, CFRN® and CPEN® are available through the BCEN® website. BCEN Prep Exams are written by exam committee members and use the same testing software as BCEN exams, enabling you to get comfortable with the process and content. Rationales are provided as well as sources of information for further study.

Review Courses for examinations are administered independently from BCEN. BCEN does not endorse review courses.

RNs with a BCEN credential are the best of the best. They are members of an exclusive group of professionals who walk the talk and obtained their certification. Certification is proof of your knowledge in your field and allows you to differentiate yourself in the workplace.

—C. Lynne Grief, PhD, RN, CEN
Testing and Recertification Options

Initial certification and recertification by exam for CEN®, CFRN®, CPEN® and CTRN® certifications are offered through a network of national testing centers.

Recertification for CEN, CFRN and CTRN is also available by fulfilling Continuing Education (CE) requirements; a recertification exam is not necessary. Application requires a minimum of 100 continuing education hours:
- 50 of the 100 contact hours must be from accredited sources
- 75 of the 100 contact hours must be in the CLINICAL category
- up to 25 may be in the OTHER category

In addition, CEN recertification is also available by Internet-Based Testing (IBT) – a convenient online test with 150 multiple-choice questions following the outline of the CEN examination.

Recertification for CPEN is also available by fulfilling one of the following two options; a recertification exam is not necessary.
- Document professional development activities equivalent to 100 contact hours (75 of the 100 must be clinical and 50 of the 100 must be from accredited sources)
- Clinical Practice Hours (1,000 hours of hands-on care with pediatric patients in emergency settings) and 40 hours of accredited CE (with a clear and direct application to pediatric emergency nursing)
A specialty certification is a mark of distinction that highlights your professional accomplishments, elevates you, and differentiates your workplace.

**BCEN® certifications:**

- Signify your expertise and nursing specialty standards
- Enhance personal confidence in your knowledge and skills
- Promote respect and recognition from colleagues and patients
- Validate your qualifications and competencies to current and potential employers
- Strengthen your patients’ belief in your abilities and your institution’s reputation for hiring outstanding staff
- Increase job security and empowerment
- Can help advance your career and earning potential
- Show your commitment to the highest level of, and latest developments in, patient care

**Your specialized career distinguishes you from others in the nursing field.**

**Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN®)**
**Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN®)**
**Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN®)**
**Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN®)** (critical care ground transport nursing)
About BCEN®

BCEN Mission
The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing develops robust certification exams fostering empowered nurses across the emergency spectrum, who contribute noticeably to patient care, safety and outcomes.

BCEN Vision
The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing is THE benchmark for nursing certifications across the emergency spectrum.

BCEN is a not-for-profit certification corporation and the only entity worldwide that manages emergency and transport nursing specialty certifications.

Learn more about the value of BCEN certifications.

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