

Credibility **Competence** Confidence

Become a Certified
Medical-Surgical
Registered Nurse



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CMSRN Certification

Rewarding for you and your patients

Benefits of Certification

Becoming a Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) is one of the most rewarding and powerful achievements you can attain as a nurse.

Certification gives you a sense of personal accomplishment, enhances your credibility, validates your specialized knowledge and competence, boosts your confidence, and shows your commitment to the medical-surgical nursing specialty. Your patients will feel confident in your ability to provide the expert care they expect.



Why Choose CMSRN?

- CMSRN is the only credential indicating **medical-surgical** nursing.
- The exam is developed by practicing medical-surgical nurses. Test questions are based on evidence-based clinical practice.
- This is the exam for clinical nurses, managers, and educators in medical-surgical settings.
- A BSN is not required.
- Contact hours are not required for initial certification.
- The exam is endorsed by the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC).

Join more than 13,000 CMSRNs who have achieved the highest standards of medical-surgical nursing practice!

Visit www.msncb.org for more information about exam formats, sites, deadlines, applications, and ways to earn contact hours.

Get CMSRN Certified

Eligibility

- Registered nurse (RN) with a current U.S. license
- Two calendar years experience as an RN in a medical-surgical setting
- 2,000 hours of practice within the past three years in a medical-surgical setting

Testing Options

Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

- Offered year-round at 260 testing centers nationwide
- Apply and take the exam within a 90-day window – when it works for you

Paper & Pencil

- Offered annually in May and October at 50 testing sites nationwide (www.msncb.org/calendar)
- Application deadlines are March 1 and August 1
- Bring an exam to your hospital – become a special testing site

Apply

- *Online:* Complete the online process at www.msncb.org/apply
- *Mail:* Download an application and mail to MSNCB

Fees

- Regular price: \$375
- AMSN members: \$255

Study Resources

AMSN can help you prepare for the exam through review courses, practice questions, and other self-study programs (www.amsn.org/study-aids).

Recertification

Your certification is valid for five years. Recertify by obtaining 90 continuing nursing education contact hours or taking the exam (www.msncb.org/recertify).



CMSRN certification shows that you have taken that extra step to validate your clinical knowledge and competence. Certification is an advantage in today's competitive job market because it enhances your credibility and demonstrates to your employer, colleagues, and patients that you are committed to excellence in medical-surgical nursing practice.



The CMSRN credential is the gold standard in the medical-surgical nursing specialty.

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