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Steps to Specialty Nursing Certification

1. Graduate from your program
2. Pass your jurisdictional exam
3. Secure a nursing position

Membership open to all regulated nurses and nursing students
Benefits of CNA membership:
• Discounted certification fees
• Certification resources
• Knowledge
• Advocacy
• Community
• Career resources
• Other perks & discounts

Attend your employee orientation
Ask your employer about nursing specialty areas (see list above)
Visit the CNA website to learn more about certification

Contact other CNA-certified nurses and/or unit leaders to discuss certification, benefits, eligibility and support
Contact nursing specialty associations and/or your union/employer to discuss funding for professional development

You're eligible to apply if you have:
• 1,950 hours of experience in your nursing specialty within the last 5 years
• 1,000 hours of experience plus 300 hours of formal education within the last 5 years

Check application due dates and apply online

Book exam online with Pearson VUE or ProctorU
Check CNA website for study tips and information on how to prepare
Take online practice exam

Congratulations, you're certified! Results available 3 weeks after exam
Check with employer for certification reimbursement
Follow up with HR re: financial incentives for specialty certification
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