



Cardiovascular
Critical Care
Critical Care Paediatrics

Community Health
Emergency
Gerontology

Gastroenterology
Hospice/Palliative Care
Psychiatric & Mental Health

Wound, Ostomy & Continence

PeriAnesthesia
Orthopaedics
Occupational Health

Neuroscience
Medical/Surgical
Oncology

Perinatal
Nephrology
Perioperative

Neonatal
Pediatrics
Rehabilitation

Pro Tip



Some nursing faculties are members of the Canadian Nursing Students' Association. Visit cnsa.ca.

Pro Tip



During your employee orientation, learn about supports and incentives for certification.

Pro Tip



CNA members save \$186 on initial certification fees and \$103 on renewal fees.

Pro Tip



Some certifications can only be renewed. For more information, visit our website.

Nursing Students



Graduate from your program
Pass your jurisdictional exam
Secure a nursing position

Join CNA



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

Regulated Nurses



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

Make Connections



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

Apply



You're eligible to apply if you have:

- 1,950 hours of experience in your nursing specialty within the last 5 years
OR
- 1,000 hours of experience plus 300 hours of formal education within the last 5 years

Check application due dates and apply online

Prepare for the Exam



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

Pass the 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
Become a mentor

Renew



Your certification is valid for 5 years
You're eligible to renew if you have:

- 2,925 hours of experience in your nursing specialty during your 5-year term
- 100 hours of continuous learning activities in your nursing specialty (or you can rewrite the exam)