

CGRN Requirements

CGRN certification is open to Registered Nurses currently or recently engaged in GI/endoscopy. To qualify for certification or recertification, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. At the time of application, candidates must have been employed in clinical, supervisory, administrative, teaching/education or research capacities in an institutional or private practice setting for a minimum of two (2) years full-time, or its part-time equivalent of 4000 hours, within the past five (5) years in GI/endoscopy.

a. Work experience must be at the level the candidate is certifying (i.e., an LPN who has become an RN must have two years experience as an RN prior to sitting for the CGRN designation regardless of the number of years of GI experience as an LPN).

b. Full time industry nurses whose focus is at least 40% clinical practice, education, or research are eligible. Those whose focus is sales are not.

2. Each candidate is required to submit the names and contact information of two responsible practitioners in the specialty who can verify his/her work experience and professional qualifications.

3. Each licensed candidate is required to submit his/her current RN license number and expiration date. These will be verified by the ABCGN staff prior to the exam.



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The Importance of the CGRN Certification



CGRN Certification

Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse (CGRN) is the designation awarded by the American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN) to GI nurses who have successfully passed the certification exam, demonstrating the full range of knowledge and the complete inventory of skills required of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy nurses.

Benefits of CGRN Certification

Certification validates the competencies and skills that help your GI nurses improve the quality of patient care and delivery of services. It also shows the nurses commitment to GI nursing and to the patients.

Research has shown that certified nurses:

- Report greater confidence
- Demonstrate better decision making skills
- Have proven ability to detect complications
- Display effective communication and collaboration with other healthcare team members
- Have fewer adverse events and errors in patient care.

Benefits of CGRN Certification to Employer

Recruiting and Retaining the Best

Institutions and facilities that promote certification through higher salaries, bonuses or other incentives will have an easier time recruiting the most qualified nurses. Once recruited, these nurses will also stay in their jobs longer. Nursing research studies show that certified nurses enjoy greater job satisfaction, which leads to better retention rates for their employers.

Promoting Superior Care to Patients

Advances in technology have led to a much more savvy patient population. The public understands the value of certification and is more likely to choose a facility with more qualified nurses.

Strengthening Your Reputation

The reputation of your institution or facility is enhanced with the addition of certified nurses. For hospitals pursuing Magnet™ status, the number of certified nurses on staff is a quality indicator.

Supporting Continuing Education

Institutions and facilities that support certification will be seen as dedicated to superior patient care. Passing the CGRN exam is just the first step; nurses must then maintain their certification through continuing growth in the specialized field of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy through a variety of educational and practice opportunities.

Encourage Certification

There are a number of things you can do to encourage your staff to certify:

- Provide a bonus or salary differential to certified nurses.
- Reimburse nurses for the exam fee.
- Organize a study group and provide study materials.
- Provide a certified nurse to mentor someone studying for the exam.
- Link your website to www.abcgcn.org so your staff can easily find information on the CGRN certification.
- Require certification for professional advancement.
- Support continuing education required for recertification by hosting educational opportunities



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