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American Board of Certification
for Gastroenterology Nurses

**ABCGN is dedicated to helping you,
your staff and your colleagues advance
your nursing career.**

CGRN Certification allows you to:

- Expand your role in providing patient services
- Improve patient care
- Enhance your professional status
- Increase your earning power
- Achieve greater satisfaction in your chosen profession

Get ertified!

About ABCGN

The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses, Inc. (ABCGN) exists to maintain and improve the knowledge, understanding and skill of nurses in the fields of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy by developing and administering a certification program. ABCGN is accredited for its Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse (CGRN) certification program by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS), the standard-setting body for specialty nursing certification.

In today's fast-paced, technology-driven healthcare field, it isn't enough just to be a good nurse. To be competitive, you've got to keep up – and keeping up with modern nursing means getting certified. Encourage your staff and colleagues to get certified!

The ABCGN certification exam for RNs is administered twice annually (spring and fall). The test is based on role delineations – surveys of practitioners that define the scope of practice and the knowledge and skills required to function in the field. As with all professional exams, the ABCGN exam requires extensive review and preparation. An RN who passes the exam has demonstrated an expertise in GI and can proudly use the credential CGRN after her or his name.

Benefits of CGRN Certification

- Validates your qualifications and your advanced competence
- Demonstrates your professional aspirations and your desire to improve the quality of patient care and delivery of services
- Rewards your continuing efforts to improve your knowledge and skills in your profession
- Reflects your time, effort and financial commitment to Gastroenterology and Endoscopy nursing
- Assures professional recognition from your peers and colleagues

Certification will help you gain recognition for both your competence and your professionalism. Don't get left behind. Get certified.

“My encouragement to all of my fellow GI nurses is to forge ahead and take the test. It is well worth the time you put into the preparation, for you and your patients will be the beneficiaries of your increased knowledge.”

—Denise Benton, CGRN

Invest in Your Future

More than 4,000 Gastroenterology and Endoscopy nurses have achieved certification through ABCGN and proudly display the CGRN designation as part of their nursing credentials. The CGRN designation is recognized by healthcare practitioners as a symbol of advanced knowledge and skill.

Candidates become certified by successfully passing a four-hour written, multiple-choice exam. The exam is designed to test a sample of content from the full range of knowledge and the complete inventory of skills required of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy nurses.

Exam questions are written by a committee of certified practitioners. The exam is then edited and validated by a professional testing company.

The multiple-choice exam is offered in two formats – paper and pencil or via computer, and includes questions in four major content areas:

- General Nursing Care
- Gastroenterologic Procedures
- Patient Care Interventions
- Professional Standards and Responsibilities

Certification is awarded for a five-year period. Candidates can maintain certification by taking the current exam or by fulfilling the recertification contact hour requirements.

Recent research has shown that nurses who are certified:

- Report a greater confidence in their practice
- 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

The average full-time annual income of a certified nurse is approximately \$9,200 higher than a non-certified nurse. (Nursing2006)

To learn more about the ABCGN exam including eligibility requirements, exam format, future test sites/ dates and access to study materials, please visit www.abcgn.org.

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