



CNA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WELCOMES ITS 20TH NURSING SPECIALTY CREDENTIAL

As the CNA Certification Program gears up for another successful administration of 19 different exams, 2012 will mark another milestone in the history of the program. Later in 2012, exam development activities will kick off the 20th nursing specialty/area of nursing practice with **PeriAnesthesia Nursing**. Over the course of about 18 months, PeriAnesthesia Nurses from across Canada will participate in a variety of activities in collaboration with CNA and psychometric experts from Assessment Strategies Inc. (ASI). These activities will lead to the first administration of this exam, planned for Spring 2014. Congratulations to the National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada (NAPANc) for their leadership, continued support and collaboration, as the goal of national certification has turned into a reality. If you are a PeriAnesthesia nurse, **now is the time to become recognized for your nursing specialty knowledge and expertise at a national level**. Stay posted by checking the CNA Certification website at getcertified.cna-aiic.ca.

APPLICATION TIME FRAMES FOR 2013 EXAMS AND RENEWAL

Applications for initial certification:

- Initial certification applications are accepted by CNA between September 4th and November 14th, 2012.
- Exams take place on Saturday, April 20, 2013.
- In 2012, 65% of candidates applied online.

Applications for certification renewal:

- Renewal applications are accepted by CNA between September 4th and December 3, 2012.
- Term ends in 2013.
- **New for 2013:** an online renewal application system will be available.
- For more about renewal requirements and other information, please check the Certification Renewal section on CNA's Certification website at getcertified.cna-aiic.ca. Also please note: once your CNA certification credential has lapsed, you are no longer entitled to use the nursing designation initials after your name.

CERTIFICATION STATISTICS FOR 2011

As of December 31, 2011, there were 16,878 valid CNA certifications in 19 different specialties/areas of nursing practice, reflecting an increase of 3.8% from the previous year.

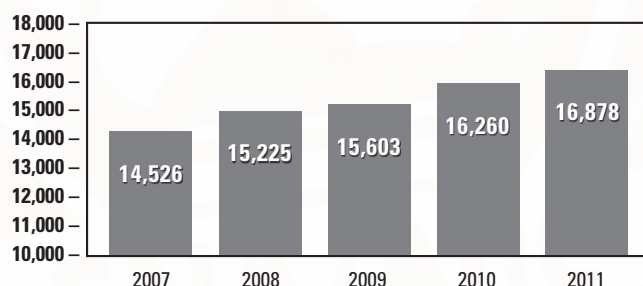


Figure 1.
Number of Registered Nurses with Valid CNA Certification by Year (All Specialties/Areas), 2007 - 2011

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Professional Practice and Regulation Division

- Notes:
- From 2010 to 2011, the number of valid certifications increased by 618, or 3.8%. This compares with an increase of 657, or 4.2%, the previous year

NEW! ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RENEWAL CANDIDATES

Building on the success of online applications for initial certification, CNA is investing in an online application process for renewal candidates. This new online system is designed to help renewal candidates complete and submit their application instantaneously. We encourage all CNA-certified nurses to use this new system, which will be in place by September 2012.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

As more communications are done electronically, it's vital for us to have a current email address to reach you. Please inform us promptly of any changes in your contact information or email address, either by sending an email to certification@cna-aiic.ca, or by completing the online form on CNA's Certification website at www2.cna-aiic.ca/CNAforms/cert_contact/en/default.aspx.

BE A PROMOTIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR THE CNA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

A variety of items are available to help you promote the CNA Certification Program in your facility, nursing workshop or conference. Simply complete the online Request Materials form on the CNA Certification website at: www2.cna-aiic.ca/CNAforms/materials/en/index.aspx and we'll send you the 2013 promotional materials you need.



CERTIFICATION SPECIALTIES/AREAS OF NURSING PRACTICE

In 2011, gerontology nursing remained the specialty with the highest number of certified nurses in Canada, with 2,238 certifications. In terms of growth over the previous year, community health again stood out with an increase of 20.9% (694 certifications, up from 565). Gerontology experienced notable growth as well, with a 19.4% increase (from 2,118 to 2,238), and Oncology also saw a substantial increase of 17.6% (from 1,591 to 1,700).

SPECIALTY AREA	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Cardiovascular	722	774	793	854	854
Community Health	216	338	460	565	694
Critical Care	1,166	1,190	1,191	1,185	1,234
Critical Care Pediatrics	104	100	113	123	119
Emergency	1,323	1,345	1,333	1,344	1,331
Enterostomal Therapy	N/A	N/A	66	75	95
Gastroenterology	205	235	231	235	250
Gerontological	1,988	2,104	2,073	2,118	2,238
Hospice Palliative Care	1,103	1,247	1,232	1,279	1,345
Medical-Surgical	N/A	N/A	N/A	200*	294
Nephrology	1,052	1,080	1,103	1,130	1,170
Neuroscience	237	258	269	291	304
Occupational Health	908	888	879	828	808
Oncology	1,323	1,360	1,431	1,591	1,700
Orthopaedics	125	153	169	194	191
Perinatal	642	665	719	744	763
Perioperative	1,552	1,566	1,560	1,540	1,539
Psychiatric and Mental Health	1,734	1,750	1,765	1,692	1,658
Rehabilitation	121	172	216	291	291
TOTAL	14,526	15,225	15,603	16,260	16,878

Table 1.
Number of Valid CNA Certifications by Year and Specialty/Area, 2007 - 2011

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Professional Practice and Regulation Division

N/A: Not applicable because the certification was not yet available.

* First time that certification became available.

ONCOLOGY AND HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

The de Souza Institute provides ongoing educational support, professional development and career counseling at no cost to Ontario nurses. Study groups for CNA certification exams in Hospice Palliative Care and Oncology are available, as well as many other courses, including Pain Assessment and Management and Advance Care Planning. See what's available at <http://www.desouzanurse.ca/events>.

CNF'S NIGHTINGALE GALA IS MAY 9, 2012

The Canadian Nursing Foundation will recognize and celebrate national nursing excellence at its second Nightingale Gala, to take place at the Ottawa Convention Centre on May 9th. For more information, visit www.cnf-fiic.ca or contact Laura Monette at Imonette@cnf-fiic.ca.

We are very grateful to the Canadian Nursing Foundation for providing annual Certification awards that reimburse two successful CNA certification candidates for the cost of their certification or renewal exam in each of the 19 nursing specialties/areas of nursing practice.

SNAPSHOT OF CNA CERTIFICATION IN CANADA

Table 2 gives a break down of the number of valid CNA certifications by specialty/area in each province or territory of registration. This table includes all certifications and certification renewals from 2007 to 2011.

SPECIALTY AREA	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	NT	ON	PE	QC	SK	YT/NU	Total
Cardiovascular	72	131	33	55	**	69	0	401	*	41	34	0	854
Community Health	88	112	48	11	94	26	10	257	*	0	36	**	694
Critical Care	130	116	32	46	34	46	*	707	**	82	32	0	1,234
Critical Care Pediatrics	20	25	*	0	*	11	0	46	0	11	*	0	119
Emergency	99	166	56	98	53	99	18	631	14	33	59	5	1,331
Enterostomal Therapy	13	9	*	*	*	*	0	52	*	*	*	0	95
Gastroenterology	36	39	10	8	6	**	0	122	*	11	11	0	250
Gerontology	400	644	157	70	48	123	*	685	47	36	22	*	2,238
Hospice Palliative Care	151	288	72	36	**	81	0	604	10	71	20	*	1,345
Medical-Surgical	49	29	35	16	12	15	*	88	*	13	28	*	294
Nephrology	128	160	35	37	33	44	*	640	**	51	25	0	1,170
Neuroscience	29	29	**	30	*	23	0	122		46	15	0	304
Occupational Health	92	52	23	20	38	40	0	505	*	9	25	0	808
Oncology	110	75	80	55	23	58	*	1,007	**	222	54	0	1,700
Orthopaedics	56	24	7	28	*	14	*	49	*	*	6	0	191
Perinatal	50	95	35	65	17	51	11	376	14	28	15	6	763
Perioperative	226	227	84	72	74	101	**	645	17	54	27	*	1,539
Psychiatric and Mental Health	39	80	12	65	82	115	5	1,199	34	22	*	*	1,658
Rehabilitation	20	36	14	11	*	16	0	175	*	7	6	0	291
Total	1,808	2,337	747	727	551	941	69	8,311	188	741	425	29	16,878¹

* Information suppressed to protect privacy (one to four records)

** Information suppressed to protect privacy (five or more records)

To prevent calculation of the suppressed number (*) by using other data in the table, another number (usually the next lowest number) is suppressed.

¹ Both the overall total and the total for occupational health include reciprocity candidates in occupational health nursing; however, these candidates are not shown in the distribution across jurisdictions.

Table 2.
Number of Valid CNA Certifications by Specialty/Area and Province/Territory of Registration, 2007 - 2011

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Professional Practice and Regulation Division

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