

Certification



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## President's Message

In this month's [message](#), MSNCB President Jessica Tully focuses on a momentous start to 2025 and introduces the three new members of the MSNCB Board.



[Read the President's Message](#)

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## A New Testing Vendor Is Coming to MSNCB

Effective late this summer, MSNCB will be partnering with a new testing vendor. We are confident this change will benefit our candidates' and certificants' experience in earning or maintaining their certifications. While details are still being finalized, and we plan to share more information in the next few months, it's important to keep you informed of this upcoming change.



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[Share Your Med-Surg Story With Us](#)

Medical-surgical nursing is at the heart of patient care, and we're interested in hearing about what makes this specialty so meaningful to you. Your experiences, insights, and expertise help shape the future of nursing — we want to hear it all! Take a few minutes to share your journey with us.



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## Encourage Others to Find Their #WhyCMSRN

We know you are passionate about furthering patient care and the medical-surgical nursing profession as a whole. View these #WhyCMSRN testimonials from fellow certificants and use their inspiration to encourage your colleagues to embark on their certification journey.



"I have my CMSRN because I love my patients and I wanted to provide care in the best way that I can."

—Annelyn Lopo, BSN, CMSRN



"I earned the CMSRN because I am passionate about delivering the highest quality of post operative care to the patients I care for and also to mitigate potential complications. I wanted to be able to educate patients to prevent complications and motivate them to achieve optimal independence."

—Maria Cancel, BSN, RN, CMSRN

[Find More #WhyCMSRNs](#)

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## It May Be Time For Recertification

Time flies when you're prioritizing patient care. It may be time for you to renew your credentials. The CMSRN credential is valid for five years. You may submit your recertification application starting in the fourth year of your certification period.

You can recertify through contact hours or by retaking the exam. MSNCB also provides various resources to help you brush up on your foundational knowledge as you begin looking at [recertification](#).



[Learn More](#)

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## CMSRN of Distinction Award

AMSN and MSNCB are exhilarated to recognize certificants for their phenomenal work and dedication to patient care through the [CMSRN of Distinction Award](#). Your commitment to the medical-surgical specialty is deeply valued, and we are honored to recognize you with this prestigious award!

Applications for this award close on **March 31**. Learn about detailed requirements and apply today!



[Apply Today](#)

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## Host a Live Certification Review Course

Do you have fellow nurses in your unit who are looking to apply for the CMSRN exam? Consider hosting a [CMSRN Certification Review Course](#) at your facility! This immersive, two-day course is led by a subject matter expert, who explores patient symptoms and diseases, as well as corresponding assessments and interventions completed by medical-surgical nurses.



There are two options for the course — in-person, where one of AMSN's CRC instructors will come to your facility and present, or virtually over Zoom or on your facility's in-house online platform. Even as certificants, this is a great way to brush up on your medical-surgical foundational knowledge and allows for team building and the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate feedback from the expert.

[Learn More](#)

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## Add the CAVRN Credential to Your Title

Do you have 1,000 practice hours in a virtual acute-care setting? Are you passionate about your career as a virtual nurse? Then it's time to apply for the [Certified Acute-Care Virtual Registered Nursing \(CAVRN\) credential](#)! Validate your expert, specialized knowledge and earn respect from patients, colleagues, and employers through earning this credential.

For more information, view the recently updated [CAVRN Certification Handbook](#).



[Earn Your CAVRN](#)

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## FailSafe Is Here for You

In 2024, we launched our [revamped FailSafe program](#). Regardless of the size of your institution, your nurses will have a safety net of a free second test if they fail their first attempt. Simply create an account and purchase vouchers in test bundles for as few as three nurses.



[Learn More](#)

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## Significant Certificant Benefits With AMSN Membership

AMSN membership offers connection to a community of thousands of medical-surgical nurses. Bring your expertise and advanced knowledge of the profession to other like-minded people by joining AMSN. **BONUS!** All CMSRN and CAVRN certificants receive 10% off AMSN membership. Simply use code **CERT2025** as you join. Other membership benefits include:



- Discounted registration for the [2025 AMSN Convention](#), taking place Sept. 11-13, 2025, in Austin, Texas
- One free contact hour a month to help maintain your certification and build your knowledge to ensure you're staying updated on trends within the specialty
- Monthly AMSN webinars focused on current trends and clinical best practices
- Access to the AMSN Career Center
- Ability to apply for AMSN grants and scholarships
- And so much more

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