

Certification



March 2025

Certified Nurses Day Is Tomorrow!

Tomorrow's the big day, Certified Nurses Day! This day is dedicated to highlighting and recognizing certified nurses who exemplify nursing professionalism, excellence, and service every day.



Share your and/or your colleague's success as a certified nurse by leveraging the American Nurse Association (ANA)'s [celebration toolkit](#) to highlight and appreciate the certified nurses in your workplace and community. And make sure to keep your eyes on our socials for a chance to win BI(n)G(o) with MSNCB.

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Testing Vendor Updates

As a reminder, MSNCB certification exams will transition to [Data Recognition Corporation](#) (administered through the Pearson VUE network), on Aug. 1, resulting in a testing intermission from June 13 to July 31, 2025. To provide as much availability to test as possible around this transition, there are changes to the **90-day eligibility period** for applications **approved after March 15. Please review the provided dates and guidelines to plan accordingly.**



IF YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED FROM MARCH 15–APRIL 8

- Your eligibility to test will be truncated at June 13.
- You will still have 65 days to schedule your exam if your application is approved on April 8.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED FROM APRIL 9–MAY 11

- Your eligibility to test will be extended to Aug. 27, without appointment availability from June 13–July 31.
- You will still have 60 days to schedule if your application is approved on May 11.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED FROM MAY 12–JUNE 8

- Your eligibility to test will be extended to Sept. 30, without appointment availability from June 13–July 31.
- You will still have 65 days to schedule if your application is approved on June 8.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED FROM JUNE 9–JULY 31

- Your eligibility to test will be granted on Aug. 1, and the 90-day eligibility policy will resume.

Encourage Others to Find Their #WhyCMSRN

We recognize your dedication to advancing patient care and the medical-surgical nursing profession. During last year's [AMSN Convention](#), Kaitlin Scruggs, BSN, RN, CMSRN, shared why she decided to earn her CMSRN. We encourage you to share your #WhyCMSRN with colleagues who have not earned their certification.



Is It Your Turn to Recertify?

Are you approaching the end of your CMSRN certification period? CMSRNs are required to renew their certification every 5 years to demonstrate continuing competence. While you can submit your recertification application anytime during your fifth year, it's never too early to start entering your contact hours! Refer to the [CMSRN Certification Handbook](#) for guidance on how to maintain and submit your [recertification application](#).



Regardless of your chosen recertification pathway, AMSN can be used as a resource for medical-surgical knowledge. AMSN offers contact hour earning opportunities, such as the [CMSRN Certification Review Course](#), educational opportunities including [monthly webinars](#), and more.

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Be at the Forefront of Virtual Nursing

If you are one of the many medical-surgical nurses who has made a transition into virtual acute-care nursing, consider adding the [Certified Acute-Care Virtual Registered Nursing \(CAVRN\) credential](#) to your title. Maintain an innovative edge in your career through earning this credential.

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



Partnerships to Help You Achieve Your Goals

AMSN and MSNCB are excited to partner with the Virtual Nursing Academy (VNA) to transform medical-surgical nursing through leadership development and cutting-edge resources for virtual nursing. This collaboration aims to drive progress and inspire meaningful change across the medical-surgical nursing profession.

[Earn Your CAVRN](#)

[Learn More About our Partnership With VNA](#)

Don't Forget About FailSafe

Last year, MSNCB revamped our [FailSafe program](#) to better serve participating organizations and increase access for smaller hospital populations. This program allows participating facilities to support nurses pursuing MSNCB certification by covering the cost of their application and exam. If the first exam attempt is not successful, nurses with FailSafe vouchers get their second attempt for free!



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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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Join AMSN and Save

Did you know that all CMSRN and CAVRN certificants receive 10% off AMSN membership? Becoming an AMSN member grants you access to a vast array of top-notch, practical, and up-to-date professional practice resources and information, including:



- 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

Simply use code **CERT2025** when you sign up. Join AMSN today!

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