

The Exam ^[1]



The Certified

Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) credential recognizes that the highest standards of medical-surgical nursing practice have been achieved. You can become certified by successfully completing the CMSRN examination which validates proficiency in medical-surgical nursing.

CMSRN Exam Details

- Computer-Based Testing (CBT) exam format.
- 150 multiple choice questions: 125 scored and 25 unscored experimental questions.
- Three hour exam.

Standard score [2] of 95 (equal to approximately 71% correct) to pass.

[View the exam blueprint](#) [3], which is the framework for the exam.

Test Centers

MSNCB examinations are delivered at Prometric test centers. Locate a test site (*available shortly*).

CMSRN Accreditation



The CMSRN exam program has achieved the gold stamp of approval. After meeting rigorous standards, the CMSRN exam was granted accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). Accreditation demonstrates that the CMSRN credential is based on a valid and reliable testing process. The CMSRN exam received its accreditation from ABSNC in January 2009 and was reaccredited in 2018.

The ABSNC promotes the highest quality of specialty nursing practice through the establishment of standards of professional specialty nursing certification. ABSNC accreditation is valid for 5 years.

For more information about ABSNC accreditation, visit www.absnc.org [4].

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