

Get Recertified ^[1]

Why you should maintain your CMSRN credential



Recertification reaffirms your competence, and brings a renewed freshness to your confidence and credibility. It is the next step in a career-long process that assures medical-surgical patients of your commitment to promoting positive patient outcomes.

Begin planning for recertification soon after you've earned your Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) credential. CMSRN certification is valid for 5 years.

Be sure to remain part of the CMSRN community! You are a significant part of a nationally recognized specialty.[®]

Get Recertified by Continuing Education

Eligibility Criteria ^[2]

You are eligible if you:

- Hold a current medical-surgical nursing certification and
- Hold a current RN license or foreign equivalent and
- Have accrued 1000 practice hours in a med-surg setting in the last 5 years and
- Have earned 90 contact hours in the last 5 years

Application Fees ^[3]

Regular \$275

AMSN member \$175

Plan & Apply with the CMSRN Tracker ^[4]

- Know your certification expiration date and [application deadlines](#). ^[5]
- Self-report your contact hours continuously throughout your five year certification period. [List of acceptable contact hour activities](#) ^[6].
- Self-reported contact hours are manually reviewed so allow up to 10 business days for verification status updates.
- Apply for recertification right from your Tracker when all eligibility criteria are met.

Plan for Your Recertification

MSNCB recommends arranging your recertification plan soon after certification. [Learn more](#). ^[7]

CMSRN Recertification & Exam Exemption Guide

[Download this handy guide](#)  ^[8] for all you need to know about CMSRN recertification.

Get Recertified by Exam

Candidates may test up to one (1) year in advance of the expiration of current certification. All criteria for the

certification examination must be met and a test application form and appropriate fees paid 30 days prior to certification expiration date. Learn all you need to know about taking the CMSRN exam with [Steps to Certification](#) [9].

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- [Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses \(AMSN\)](#)
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