

2026 CNA Certification

Commit to excellence

The **CNA Certification Program** offers the only bilingual, nationally recognized nursing specialty credential. Being CNA certified shows that you're committed to an advanced standard of professional competence and have a comprehensive understanding of your nursing specialty.

Important Dates

SPRING 2026

January 15 – March 31

Application window to **write or renew by exam**

May 1 – 15

Certification **exam window**

FALL 2026

June 15 – September 30

Application window to **write or renew by exam**

November 1 – 15

Certification **exam window**

YEAR ROUND

January 15 – December 15

Application window to **renew by continuous learning**

CURRENT SPECIALTIES

CARDIOVASCULAR

COMMUNITY HEALTH

CRITICAL CARE

CRITICAL CARE PEDIATRICS

EMERGENCY

GERONTOLOGY — for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses

GERONTOLOGY — for licensed/registered practical nurses

HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE

MEDICAL-SURGICAL — for registered nurses

MEDICAL-SURGICAL — for licensed/registered practical nurses

NEONATAL

NEPHROLOGY

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

ONCOLOGY

PEDIATRICS

PERINATAL

PERIOPERATIVE

PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH — for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses

WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE

RENEWAL BY CONTINUOUS LEARNING ONLY

GASTROENTEROLOGY

NEUROSCIENCE

ORTHOPAEDIC

PERIANESTHESIA

REHABILITATION

Since 2019, exams to obtain or renew a certification in any of these specialties are no longer offered. Certified nurses can renew by submitting CL hours.