

# Certification Program Keeping Current

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# Certifications

CNE Certified Nurse Educator

CNEcl Certified Academic Clinical Educator

CNEn Certified Novice Nurse Educator



# NLN Mission and Core Values

The National League for Nursing promotes excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation's health.

## Core Values

The NLN implements its mission guided by four core values that permeate the organization and its work.

Caring

Diversity

Integrity

Excellence



# NLN Goals

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To be a leader in nursing education

## Goal II

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## Goal III

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## Goal IV

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# Certification Program

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# Mission

To promote excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator



# Goals

Distinguish academic nurse educator as a specialty area of practice and an advanced practice role within professional nursing

Recognize the academic nurse educator's specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities

Strengthen the use of core competencies of nurse educator practice

Contribute to nurse educators' professional development





# Development of the Program

CNE®: Certified Nurse Educator 2005

CNE®cl Certified Academic Nurse Educator 2018

CNE®n: Certified Novice Nurse Educator 2022







# Practice Analysis

Each certification has a practice analysis as a basis which leads to:

Each has its own eligibility criteria

Each has competencies and task statements

Each has its own focus: CNE: full scope of the role; CNEcl focus on the clinical nurse educator; CNEen leveled CNE competencies of the novice nurse educator





# International Scope

All exams/certifications are available to international nurse educator testers who meet criteria

Remain in English

Concepts have broadened rather than focusing on the U.S.-centric institutions



# CNE Eligibility Option A

Licensure/certificate  
Education

Master's or doctoral degree in nursing

Major emphasis in nursing education

or

Post master's certificate in nursing education

or

Nine or more hours of graduate level education courses

# CNE Eligibility Option B

Licensure/certificate

Education

A master's degree in nursing or doctoral degree in nursing

Experience

Two or more years of employment in an academic nursing program within the last five years



# CNEcl Eligibility Option A

Licensure/certificate

Education

A graduate degree with a focus in nursing education (or higher)

Professional Practice

Three years in any area of nursing

Academic Practice

Two years of teaching experience in an academic program in five years



# CNEcl Eligibility Option B

License/certificate

Education

A baccalaureate degree in nursing (or higher)

Professional Practice

Three years in any area of nursing

# CNEn Eligibility

License/certificate

Education

Graduate degree in nursing with a nursing education focus

Graduate degree in nursing with nine or more credit hours of graduate level education courses OR a post baccalaureate certificate in nursing education

Practice

Currently within the first three years of educator practice



# CNE Test Plan

- I. Facilitate Learning
- II. Facilitate Learner Development and Socialization
- III. Use Assessment and Evaluation Strategies
- IV. Participate in Curriculum Design and Evaluation of Program Outcomes
- V. Function as a Change Agent and Leader
- VI. Pursue Continuous Quality Improvement in the Academic Educator Role
- VII. Engage in Scholarship
- VIII. Function within the Organizational Environment and the Academic Community



# CNEcl Test Plan

- I. Function within the Education and Healthcare Environments
- II. Facilitate Learning in the Health Care Environment
- III. Demonstrate Effective Interpersonal Communication and Collaborative Interprofessional Relationships
- IV. Apply Clinical Expertise in the Health Care Environment
- V. Facilitate Learner Development and Socialization
- VI. Implement Effective Clinical and Assessment Evaluation Strategies



# CNEn Test Plan (leveled)

- I. Facilitate Learning
- II. Facilitate Learner Development and Socialization
- III. Use Assessment and Evaluation Strategies
- IV. Participate in Curriculum Design and Evaluation of Program Outcomes
- V. Function as a Change Agent and Leader
- VI. Pursue Continuous Quality Improvement in the Role of the Nurse Educator
- VII. Engage in Scholarship
- VIII. Function within the Educational Environment

# Application/Registration

The same process for all examinations

Certification Portal on each exam web page to access

Complete application online

Do not submit any substantiating documentation unless it is later requested





# Next Steps

Once approved, an email will be sent from Measure Learning (check Junk box if not received in 3-5 working days)

The email contains instructions for scheduling of exam, either in testing center or remote live proctored

Schedule is open so no testing time blocks

Eligibility to test is for 90 days post approval





# Preparatory Actions

Self Assessment Exams

Study by the test blueprint

Online review courses on NLN website: CNE, CNEcl



# For the Unsuccessful Candidate

May not retest until 90-day period has passed: the software system will not allow a new registration

Use the diagnostic report of the outcomes of testing to plan study for retesting



# Parameters of Certifications

CNE: five-year cycle; expires 12/31 of the fifth year BUT renewal materials are due by 10/1 of the expiration year

CNEcl: five-year cycle; expires 12/31 of the fifth year BUT renewal materials are due by 10/1 of the fifth year

CNEen: three-year certification; not renewable

# E-Portfolio

Once successful, profile contains a link to Renewal

Renewal CE information and activities should be described with a reflection and upload of substantiation may be done at any time

Highly suggested to upload as are done and not wait until the last minute







# Certification Star Awards

Annual award given at the NLN Summit  
Individual and Program

Given to program or an individual who has demonstrated great commitment to certification

Applications are available on the Certification website and are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Examples: 100% of faculty certified; integrated quality improvement plan includes certification;  
dedication to assisting faculty to achieve certification



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# Question Time

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