

ANCC PROUDLY OFFERS CERTIFICATION FOR

**Adult-Gerontology
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Credential AGCNS-BC**

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Detailed information about the application and testing process may be found in the *General Testing and Renewal Handbook*, available at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

**TAKING THE EXAM
BEFORE GRADUATION**

Candidates may be authorized to sit for the examination after all coursework is complete, prior to degree conferral. ANCC will retain the candidate's exam result and will issue certification on the date the requested documents are received, all eligibility requirements are met, and a passing result is on file.

QUESTIONS?

Visit www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/ or call our Customer Care Center at 1.800.284.2378.

For more information:
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For complete information about this certification, please visit www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/, then select Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ▶ Hold a current, active RN license in a state or territory of the United States or hold the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country
- ▶ Hold a master's, postgraduate, or doctoral degree* from an adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (formerly NLNAC | National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission) A minimum of 500 faculty-supervised clinical hours in the adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist role and population. The adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist program must include content across the health continuum from wellness through acute care.
- ▶ Three separate, comprehensive graduate-level courses in:
 - ▶ Advanced physiology/pathophysiology, including general principles that apply across the lifespan
 - ▶ Advanced health assessment, which includes assessment of all human systems, advanced assessment techniques, concepts, and approaches
 - ▶ Advanced pharmacology, which includes pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents
- ▶ Content in:
 - ▶ Health promotion and/or maintenance
 - ▶ Differential diagnosis and disease management, including the use and prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions

* For more information, please visit the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist certification page at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

WHAT TO EXPECT

This certification exam is a computer-based test. This means you can apply year-round and test during a 90-day window at a time and location convenient to you. Applications for this certification will be accepted at any time.

This certification exam is made up of 175 questions (150 scored plus 25 pretest questions that are not scored). You can see the subject areas covered on the exam and the approximate number of questions in each area by reading the Test Content Outline, available at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/. The time limit for the exam is 3.5 hours.

RENEWAL

After you pass, certification renewal is every 5 years. Between renewals, you can enter and store your professional development online as you earn it, making renewal fast and easy! For full renewal requirements, visit www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

STUDY AIDS FOR FREE

ANCC provides a variety of resources to help you prepare for your certification exam. Detailed test content outlines, references, and sample questions are available for free at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for certification is easy and convenient! Start your application online anytime at www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/. You can enter the following information at your leisure, save it, and return later to finish the application:

- ▶ Your personal and professional contact information
- ▶ Your school names, degrees, and graduation dates
- ▶ An education validation form (During the online application process, you will see a pop-up PDF of the form that you will download and give to your program faculty to submit.)
- ▶ Your transcript(s) (After you complete the online application, a pop-up screen will appear with instructions for submitting your transcript.)
- ▶ Your RN license number, state, and expiration date
- ▶ Your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover

APPLY ONLINE

Go to the certification page for Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist and click on the button that says "Apply Online" to set up your account or log on to the system. Using the information you collected above, fill out your application and pay by MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover. You can save your information and return to finish at any time.

APPLICATION FEE

Prices below include a \$140 nonrefundable administrative fee

ANA Member \$295

For members of the American Nurses Association

(Full and direct ANA individual members only. Individual affiliate members excluded from this offer. You will need your membership ID number and expiration date to use this rate.)

Non-member \$395

Rates subject to change. See www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/ for details and updated rates.