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Topics for this Session
- Benefits of certification
- Eligibility to take the CNE exam
- Test blueprint
- Strategies for preparing for the exam

Why certification?
- Indicates standards are being met
- Recognizes expertise
- Is a mark of professionalism
- Denotes a specialty practice—advanced practice role

Value of certification
- To faculty
- To the school of nursing
- To the institution
- To students

Educator Scope of Practice
Nurse Educator Competencies

- Facilitate learning
- Facilitate learner development
- Use assessment/evaluation strategies
- Participate in curriculum design and evaluation
- Pursue CQI
- Engage in scholarship, service, leadership

Eligibility and Registration

- [http://www.nln.org/certification.index.htm](http://www.nln.org/certification.index.htm)

Who is eligible to take the CNE?

Option A

- **Licensure**: Licensed RN
- **Education**: A master’s or doctoral degree in nursing with a major emphasis in nursing education (or post-masters certificate course)
- 9 or more credit hours of graduate level education courses (Curriculum Development and Evaluation; Instructional Design; Principles of Adult Ed; Measurement & Evaluation; Principles of Teaching and Learning; Instructional Technology)

Option B

- **Licensure**: A currently active registered nurse license in the United States or its territories.
- **Education**: A master’s or doctoral degree in nursing (with a role emphasis other than nursing education).
- **Experience**: Two years or more employment in a nursing program in an academic institution.

How to Register for the Exam

- Register through NLN web site and confirm eligibility
- Schedule exam (must take within 3 months of confirmation of eligibility)
- Applied Measurement Professionals administers the exam
- Fee = $375/475
- All current information found on NLN Web Site and in CNE Candidate Handbook

Recertification

- Employed in faculty role 2 or more years in the past 5 years
- 5 year cycle, refer to certificate for expiration date.
- Demonstrate continued maintenance or expansion of his/her knowledge relevant to the role of academic nurse educator:
  - Option A: Submit documents to support competence was maintained or enhanced.
  - Option B: Pass the CNE exam before the due date for the certification renewal documents.
About the CNE Exam

The Exam

- 130 questions (plus 20 pilot test questions)
- 3 hours to complete exam
- Multiple choice questions
- 3 Cognitive levels: Recall, Apply, Analyze

“Tips” for Preparing for and Taking the Test

Tips for Preparing for the CNE Exam

- Review key points
- Focus on what you do NOT know
- Consider practical implications and application of what you study
- Anticipate test questions as you review
- Consider forming study group
- Take NLN Practice Test

Use NLN Test Resources

NLN CNE web site: http://www.nln.org/facultycertification/prepare/index.htm

* Test Plan
* Detailed test plan
* Handbook
* Reference list
* FAQ
**Tips for Test Taking**

- Read question carefully—do not “read into”
- Use mouse to highlight key words
- Choose answer and then read options
- Watch for NOT, EXCEPT
- Base answer on “theory” or “evidence”, not isolated “practice” incidents
- Make a guess if you can
- Monitor your time—allow extra time for questions that require calculation

**Tips to manage “Test Anxiety”**

- Be rested and prepared—take at a less stressful time in semester
- Visit the testing site
- Use mental rehearsal
- Use deep breathing and other relaxation exercises
- Use positive self-talk—it is ok to not know some of the answers
- Focus and concentrate on the test

**Key Points**

- Certification recognizes expertise
- 6 Educator competencies define scope of educator practice
- Understand the exam blueprint and test structure
- Prepare thoughtfully
- All information posted on NLN Web Site!

**Questions**

**References**

References listed on the NLN web site
http://www.nln.org/certification