

CBUNA Message

CBUNA Certifications: Proud to Be Part of Magnet Recognition Program®!



The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) approves certifying bodies for Magnet® Hospitals. CBUNA certification has been active in this Magnet process since 2009. We are proud to be a part of the Magnet Recognition Program®. We are proud of the quality of nurses who receive this certification and their dedication

care to urology patients.

I recently attended a urology conference in Illinois and was talking to some nurses whose hospital is seeking Magnet Status. They were told that urology did not have an accredited nursing certification in the Magnet Program. I want to assure every urology nurse that the certification of CUCNS, CUNP®, and CURN® are active and doing well. I re-checked the ANCC site and, as expected, our credentials are there!

We, as certified urology nurses, work hard, study hard, and teach hard. We work in a wide variety of settings from nursing schools, to hospitals, to outpatient clinics, to volunteer clinics and beyond. Educating ourselves, our colleagues, our patients, and our friends and families is a passion for us. We need to stand tall and proud and celebrate our certification. We need to act as change agents in our field of nursing and demonstrate to others how we value certification. Wear your certification pin! Wear your credentials on your uniforms. Act as role models for the newer nurses in your workplace. Promote certification to them. Help them learn how to become certified.

In spring 2016, more than 46 applicants took the certification examination. We hope to increase this number in the fall. Are you certified? What can we do to help you? Go to the CBUNA website at www.cbuna.org and see how we can help you. Check with your local SUNA chapter. Find out what resources they have. Contact the

Chicago Metro Chapter (www.chicagometrosuna.org) about their planned online certification course. Set up a study group at your work facility. Set aside 1 hour each week and study together on a particular subject. Many of your physicians might be willing to mentor you and provide a lecture. Most urologists are familiar with who and what SUNA is. Get them motivated to support your interest in SUNA and your quest for knowledge. The benefits to you, your employer, and your patients are endless.

In today's world we know that money is tight and setting aside money to take the certification exam may be difficult. SUNA offers a certification scholarship, the Jan Le Bouton Certification Scholarship, to promote certification in urology. The recipient of this scholarship receives a stipend to cover the cost of the CBUNA certification examination, a copy of the *CBUNA Examination Preparation Guide*, as well as complimentary registration to the SUNA uro**Logic** Conference that year.

Other opportunities also may exist. Many hospitals have a small nursing education fund that will cover the cost of your certification exam, especially if the hospital is seeking Magnet status or if they are Magnet approved. If you work in an office-based practice, you may be able to convince your doctors to pay for the exam if they see that a number of their nurses are interested. You have nothing to lose by asking. It shows your interest and motivation!

Once you have achieved your certification, don't let it lapse. Our board was very surprised at how many nurses did not complete the CE credits this year to meet the recertification requirements. Most states require a set number of CE credits annually to maintain the RN/NP/CNS license. If you use urologic CE credits, you can meet these criteria easily. You work hard to achieve this certification, so keep it! Check out our website www.cbuna.org for the new requirements for recertification beginning in 2018.

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