

CNS-CP CERTIFICATION BY PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

Pre-Approval Checklist

- ☐ Yes! I'm interested in CNS-CP Certification by Professional Portfolio.
- ☐ Yes! I meet the eligibility requirements outlined below.
- ☐ Candidates must meet requirements for each of three categories: licensure, education, and experience.

Licensure

Candidate must meet one of two requirements:

1. Current full, unrestricted license (RN and/or APRN) in the United States.
- OR -
2. Current full, unrestricted RN license with recognition as a CNS by state board of nursing.

Education

Candidate must meet one of two requirements:

1. Graduated from an *accredited (CCNE, NLNAC, ACEN) graduate, post-master's certificate, or doctoral program in nursing which has prepared the applicant for the CNS role*. The program must contain core courses (advanced pharmacology, pathophysiology, and physical assessment), population-specific classes, and a precepted 500-hour clinical practicum in the CNS role.
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2. A master's, post-master's certificate, or doctoral degree in nursing from an *accredited CNS program*, and documentation of serving in an advanced practice role may be accepted in lieu of graduating from a program which did not include core courses and the precepted 500-hour clinical practicum.

Experience

Candidate must be currently employed either full- or part-time in perioperative nursing. Candidate must have completed a minimum of 2 years *and* 2,400 hours of work experience in perioperative nursing, with a minimum of 50% (1,200 hours) in the intraoperative setting.

In addition, the candidate must meet one of two requirements:



1. If enrolled in a CNS program complying with current accreditation standards (advanced pharmacology, physical assessment, and pathophysiology, role-specific classes, and 500-hour clinical practicum), the applicant may begin work on the professional portfolio's project prior to graduation. However, the portfolio project must be completed after the applicant has been awarded the CNS degree.

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2. If graduated from a CNS program prior to implementation of current accreditation standards, applicant must validate 2,400 hours and 2 years as a practicing CNS in the perioperative setting.

Here are my documents for pre-approval:

- ☐ Original transcript (official or unofficial) showing degree conferred and all graduate-level coursework. Note: faxed, scanned, photocopied, or e-mailed copies will not be accepted. Transcripts may be sent directly from university to address below.
- ☐ Copy of RN and/or APRN license OR photocopy of on-line verification of current licensure from state board of nursing.
- ☐ Copy of CNS primary certification certificate, if held.

Name/Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail documents to:

CCI/CNS-CP Certification by Portfolio

400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 265

Englewood, CO 80112

-OR-

Scan documents and email to:

cns-cp@cc-institute.org

NEXT STEPS:

Set up a CCI account (if you haven't already) at www.cc-institute.org

Upon approval of your documents, an electronic storage account will be set up in your name with instructions for completing your portfolio.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at cns-cp@cc-institute.org

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Date approved: _____ Initials: _____ Date account established: _____

