What are the requirements to take the certification test?
  - RN
  - Must be involved in some form of stroke care including but not limited to an educator, administrator, or researcher
  - Have at least 2 years of direct or indirect stroke care

How do I obtain an application?
  - Apply online at the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) [http://www.abnn-certification.org/](http://www.abnn-certification.org/)
  - ABNN will determine eligibility based on documentation

Where do I take the test?
  - After receiving approval to sit for the exam schedule a time and place online through ISO-Quality Testing website
  - Exam windows are May 1-31 and September 1-30

What do I need to know about the exam?
  - The exam has 170 multiple choice questions
  - Testing is based on knowledge, interpretation, problem solving, and evaluation
  - Test results will be available 6-8 weeks after exam

How does Loyola support certification?
  - Clinical Ladder 4 eligibility
  - Educational Stipend availability of $300 available to help with costs of review course/materials, exams and renewals.

What does the exam cost?
  - The cost of the exam is less expensive for members
  - The exam is $380 for non-members
  - The exam is $285 for American Board of Neuroscience Nursing members (ABNN)

Why should I become certified?
  - Professional recognition and credibility
  - Distinction in your specialty area
  - Personal achievement and accomplishment
  - Career advancement and increased professional opportunities
  - Certification allows you to pursue Level 4 of the Clinical Ladder.
  - Level 4 Clinical Ladder equates to more salary

How should I prepare for the test?
ABNN has resources to assist you in preparing for the exam, available through the ABNN website.
  - Hemisphere Stroke competency program
  - Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing, Fifth Edition available for purchase
  - SCRN Practice Examination
  - ABNN Clinical Practice Guidelines-Guide to the Care of the Hospitalized Patient with Ischemic Stroke 2nd Edition
  - Pearls of Stroke Education Webcast

Once certified, how do I maintain my certification?
  - SCRN certification is effective for five years
  - Keep records of your professional development from start to next certification renewal
  - Prior to expiration retake certification or submit documentation of the required continuing education hours and related stroke care