Become a Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN)

What are the requirements to take the Emergency Nurse certification test?
- Must hold a current unrestricted RN license in the United States
- Recommends having two years as an emergency nurse but this is not required

Who is the credentialing organization, or certifying body, that administers the test?
- Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN)

How do I obtain an application?
- Go to BCEN and create an account
- Complete the on-line application (there is a paper option)
- Once your application is processed, you will receive an email that has your exam eligibility, information on your 90-day test window, where to access the Candidate Handbook and information on how to prepare for the exam

What do I need to know about the test?
- 175 item test – 150 scored, 25 unscored (these items are used for future exams)
- 26% assessment, 23% analysis, 30% intervention, and 20% evaluation (see web site and candidate handbook for content outline)
- Passing score is 70%
- Select a testing site at Applied Measurement Professionals
- Cost is $230 for ENA members, $370 for non-members

What should I review for the test?
- Take the CEN Prep Exam. There is a 50 question exam that costs $30 and a 150 question exam that costs $75
- Find a CEN review course
- Purchase a CEN review book

Once I am certified, how do I maintain my certification?
- Certification is valid for 4 years
- Re-certification is done by either taking the computerized exam, internet based testing (IBT) or by submitting 100 continuing education hours
- Go to BCEN- Recertify for more information

What professional organizations are available to join?
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- There are different levels of membership; go to ENA- Membership for details.
- Benefits include: free CE, savings on continuing education and online purchases, preferred pricing for the CEN exam among others!

Have more questions? We can help!
Contact the Nursing Education and Professional Development Council: Send an email via Trinity Outlook to one of the members listed at the following link Nursing Education and Professional Development Council