What are the requirements to take the Certified Pediatric Nurse certification test?

- You must have a current, active, unrestricted RN license.
- Documentation of 1800 hours of pediatric clinical nursing practice as an RN in a pediatric nursing specialty within the 24-month period prior to application.
- Pediatric nursing experience includes direct patient care, teaching, administration, clinical research, school-based care, home health care, or consultation in pediatric nursing.

Who is the credentialing organization, or certifying body, that administers the test?

- The Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN®) exam is administered by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) which is governed by a multidisciplinary board made up of pediatric nurses, pediatric nurse practitioners, and pediatricians; it is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

How do I obtain an application?

- Go to PNCB- Steps to CPN Certification

What do I need to know about the test?

- The CPN® computer-based exam contains 175 multiple-choice items. Of these, 150 questions are pre-selected as scored questions and 25 are non-scored pretest questions.
- Total testing time for the exam is 3 hours.
- Find a testing location near you at Prometric
- The cost of taking the exam is $295, which includes a $100 nonrefundable registration fee.

What should I review for the test?

- Exam questions are related to pediatric nursing content in the following areas:
  - Assessment
  - Health Promotion
  - Management
  - Professional Role
- The PNCB offers the following resources for nurses preparing to take the exam; follow the link for more information:
  - Content Outline/Test Blueprint for CPN Certification
  - CPN Certification Reference List
  - Sample Questions
  - Exam Tips
  - CPN Exam Prep
  - Test-taking Strategies
- Loyola offers a free review course through the Department of Nursing Education

Once I am certified, how do I maintain my certification?

- An RN who passes this exam is called a Certified Pediatric Nurse and earns the CPN® credential, which they are entitled to use as long as they actively maintain their certification.
- To learn more about recertification options, refer to the CPN Recertification Guide
- The cost of each yearly certification is $50-70, depending on the recertification option you choose.

What professional organizations are available to join?

- Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN): Pediatric nurses join SPN to demonstrate their commitment to the profession and the specialty of pediatric nursing; SPN does not offer a discounted rate for certification exams.

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