



THERE ARE NO TRAFFIC JAMS ALONG THE EXTRA MILE.

Roger Staubach

Well, Mr. Staubach, the many CNA-certified nurses who earned their CNA nursing specialty credential in 2013, along with those committed to renewal and the hundreds of nurses who volunteered for the program (as mentors, subject matter experts and ambassadors for its promotion), show us otherwise!

As you'll read in this edition of the CNA Certification Bulletin, the number of nurses seeking and maintaining the coveted national certification credential continues to grow. While this is encouraging for CNA and the profession, it also demonstrates the extent to which nurses are seeking to gain expertise through specialty nursing.

As well, the commitment (and collaboration) from the many national nursing specialty associations — through workshops, presentations, awards, bursaries and other support programs — has undoubtedly increased the awareness, interest and participation in CNA certification. The CNA certification team looks forward to meeting many of you at the national nursing specialty association conferences this year and to personally congratulating each of you on this significant achievement.

CERTIFICATION STATISTICS FOR 2013

As of December 31, 2013, there were 17,705 valid CNA certifications in 19 different specialties/areas of nursing practice, reflecting an increase of 2.6% from the previous year.

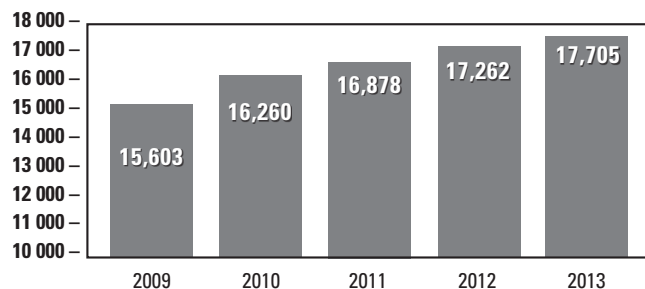


Figure 1.
Number of Registered Nurses with Valid CNA Certification by Year (All Specialties/Areas), 2009-2013

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Professional Practice Division

APPLICATION TIME FRAMES FOR 2015 EXAMS AND RENEWAL

Applications for initial certification:

- CNA will be accepting initial certification applications between September 2 and November 12, 2014.
- Exams take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

Applications for certification renewal:

- CNA will be accepting renewal applications between September 2 and December 1, 2014.
- Term ends in April 2015.
- For more about renewal requirements and other information, please check the Certification Renewal section on CNA's certification website. Please note: once your CNA certification credential has lapsed, you are no longer entitled to use the nursing designation initials after your name.

BE A PROMOTIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR THE CNA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

A variety of items are available to help you promote the CNA Certification Program, whether in your facility or at a nursing workshop or conference. Simply complete the online Request Materials form on the CNA certification website and we'll gladly send you the promotional materials you need.



CERTIFICATION SPECIALTIES/AREAS OF NURSING PRACTICE

In 2013, gerontology nursing remained the specialty with the highest total number of certified nurses in Canada, with 2,506 certifications (up 148 or 6.3% since 2012). Two other large specialty groups saw more modest increases, including hospice palliative care (up 82 or 5.8%) and oncology (up 68 or 3.9%). These figures and all those presented in Table 1 reflect the total initial and renewal certifications from 2009 through 2013.

SPECIALTY AREA	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cardiovascular	793	854	854	856	822
Community Health	460	565	694	782	842
Critical Care	1,191	1,185	1,234	1,215	1,213
Critical Care Pediatrics	113	123	119	122	120
Emergency	1,333	1,344	1,331	1,315	1,304
Enterostomal Therapy	66	75	95	113	123
Gastroenterology	231	235	250	257	278
Gerontology	2,073	2,118	2,238	2,358	2,505
Hospice Palliative Care	1,232	1,279	1,345	1,408	1,489
Medical-Surgical	N/A	200*	294	392	470
Nephrology	1,103	1,130	1,170	1,196	1,204
Neuroscience	269	291	304	315	321
Occupational Health	879	828	808	755	737
Oncology	1,431	1,591	1,700	1,739	1,807
Orthopaedics	169	194	191	182	180
Perinatal	719	744	763	760	780
Perioperative	1,560	1,540	1,539	1,541	1,544
Psychiatric and Mental Health	1,765	1,692	1,658	1,656	1,681
Rehabilitation	216	272	291	300	285
TOTAL	15,603	16,260	16,878	17,262	17,705

Table 1.
Number of Valid CNA
Certifications by Year and
Specialty/Area, 2009-2013

Source: Canadian Nurses
Association, Professional Practice
Division

N/A: Not applicable because the
certification was not yet available.

* First year that certification became
available.

EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year, CNA recognizes an employer for its exemplary support of the CNA Certification Program. For the first time in our history, the 2014 Employer Recognition Award winners will be presented at the CNA convention in June. Check out our Employer Recognition Award web page for the announcement of winners and their photos.

Nominations for 2015 ERA awards will begin in September 2014

Nurses — is your employer a strong supporter of the CNA Certification Program? If so, return the support by nominating them for this prestigious national award!
Employers — if you're an employer that supports CNA certification, you can now nominate yourself! See more information about the Employer Recognition Award, including the nomination form and a downloadable poster on our Employer Recognition Award web page.

CERTIFICATION EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties:
Your connection to nursing specialty
expertise and leadership.

NurseONE (nurseone.ca): Your gateway to
nursing knowledge resources, offering one
access point to a wealth of evidence-based
tools and information.

SNAPSHOT OF CNA CERTIFICATION IN CANADA

Table 2 gives a breakdown of the number of valid CNA certifications by specialty/area in each province or territory of registration. This table includes all initial certifications and certification renewals from 2009 through 2013.

Table 2. Number of Valid CNA Certifications by Specialty/Area of Nursing Practice and Province or Territory of Registration, 2009-2013.

SPECIALTY AREA	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	NT	ON	PE	QC	SK	YT/NU	TOTAL
Cardiovascular	71	123	39	60	18	61	0	365	*	50	31	0	822
Community Health	104	154	53	12	128	30	16	288	**	*	42	8	842
Critical Care	145	96	43	41	51	47	*	664	**	85	28	0	1,213
Critical Care Pediatrics	16	23	*	0	6	12	0	39	0	16	**	0	120
Emergency	105	143	59	67	48	109	16	637	13	40	62	5	1,304
Enterostomal Therapy	17	12	*	*	0	7	0	66	*	7	*	0	123
Gastroenterology	34	46	8	**	10	**	*	131	*	18	13	0	278
Gerontology	418	709	171	57	55	138	*	815	52	60	27	*	2,505
Hospice Palliative Care	170	287	72	44	12	85	*	698	13	78	27	*	1,489
Medical-Surgical	69	42	47	23	30	27	7	141	**	25	47	*	470
Nephrology	135	182	37	35	34	46	5	640	13	53	24	0	1,204
Neuroscience	29	30	**	29	*	15	*	140	0	48	19	0	321
Occupational Health	97	50	20	12	40	34	0	458	*	**	17	0	737
Oncology	112	75	77	58	25	67	*	1,069	17	249	55	0	1,807
Orthopaedics	48	21	8	26	*	8	*	51	*	*	7	0	180
Perinatal	60	83	53	55	18	52	16	375	16	33	13	6	780
Perioperative	204	219	81	57	78	103	9	675	19	62	31	6	1,544
Psychiatric and Mental Health	40	79	12	60	97	121	5	1,197	39	23	*	*	1,681
Rehabilitation	24	33	14	11	*	16	0	164	6	8	**	0	285
Total	1,898	2,407	807	661	661	983	87	8,613	225	867	462	34	17,705 ¹

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Professional Practice Division

* Information suppressed to protect privacy (1 to 4 records).

** Information suppressed to protect privacy (5 or more records).

To prevent calculation of the suppressed number (*) by using other data in the table, another number (usually the next lowest number) is suppressed.

¹ Both the overall total and the total for occupational health (OH) are inclusive of OH nursing reciprocity candidates; however, these candidates are not shown in the distribution across jurisdictions.

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