



Frequently Asked Questions

BETWEEN “DESIGNATION” and “RETIRED”

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Please click [here for answers](#) to some of the questions most commonly asked about dermatology certification.

Why should I get certified?

- ✎ Certification provides an added credential beyond licensure and demonstrates by examination that the Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner has acquired a core body of specialized knowledge and adheres to specialized nursing standards. It assures consumer protection and confers peer and public recognition to those individuals who prove proficient in their practice. The Dermatology Nursing Certification Board (DNCB) is a member of the American Board of Nursing Specialties.

How long does certification last?

- ✎ Each certification granted by the Dermatology Nurse Certification Board (DNCB) is valid for a three-year period.

When certification expires, how do I recertify?

- ✎ Recertification candidates must also pay recertification fees, and must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Successful completion of the certification examination prior to the certification expiration, OR
 - Submission of completed application for recertification through continuing education prior to certification expiration.

What are the eligibility requirements to become a DNC?

- ✎ Hold a current and unrestricted license as a registered nurse (RN) in the U.S. or Canada.
- ✎ Have a minimum of 2 years of dermatology nursing experience as an RN.
- ✎ Have a minimum of 2000 hours of work experience in dermatology nursing within the past 2 years in a general staff, administrative, teaching, or research capacity.

What does the DNC exam consist of?

- ✎ The test consists of 175 multiple choice items, written within the framework of the nursing process.

What are the objectives of the DNC exam?

- ✎ The dermatology nursing certification examination is designed to measure the nurse's ability to:
 - Assess and monitor the status of patients with dermatologic disorders before, during, and after treatment. (30%)
 - Plan, administer (or assist others to administer), and monitor the medical, surgical, and phototherapeutic interventions for patients with dermatologic disorders. (30%)
 - Select appropriate strategies to meet the educational, health promotion, and psychosocio-cultural needs of dermatology patients, their significant others, and the community. (29%)



- Coordinate care to ensure safe, efficient delivery of high-quality dermatology care, in collaboration with other healthcare providers and community resources. (11%)

How do I apply for the DNC exam?

If you meet all of the eligibility requirements please visit <https://www.dnanurse.org/dnc-certification/>
Complete the application, include supporting documentation and payment and mail to:

DNCB Certification Program
c/o C-Net
35 Journal Square, Suite 901
Jersey City, NJ 07306

How much does it cost to take the DNC exam?

-  DNA member: \$260
-  Nonmember: \$335

What materials does DNA suggest for studying?

-  DNC
 - Visit the [DNC Study References](#) section of the DNA website.

When can I take the exam?

-  Please see the [C-Net website](#) for application information and testing sites.