



5 Reasons

Why Accreditation Matters to Your CRNI® Credential

The Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation (INCC) is a credentialing program committed to promoting the certified registered nurse infusion (CRNI®) credential as the standard of excellence that infusion nurses seek to provide optimal patient care. CRNI®s are exceptional nurses who stay abreast of current advances, technologies, and techniques within the infusion nursing specialty. They are part of a global community of elite nurses from across multiple disciplines, including home care, pediatrics, oncology, and many more, who have demonstrated through certification that they are the most informed, and most highly qualified infusion nursing specialists.¹

Accreditation is the process by which a credentialing program is evaluated against defined standards by a third-party, such as the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). The certification program is awarded recognition if, and when, it is found to be in compliance with the accreditation standards.

Dually accredited by NCCA and ABSNC, INCC continues to be the leading credentialing program in the field of infusion nursing. Holding accreditation by ABSNC is extremely valuable because of its peer review process, which allows nursing certification organizations like INCC to obtain accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry.

Compliance with these standards for accreditation includes:²

- Review of the scope of the CRNI® program
- Organizational structure, resources, and responsibilities to stakeholders
- Oversight of certification program activities
- Management of program records, documents, and materials
- Quality assurance and program evaluation
- Development, delivery, and maintenance of education/training
- Development and evaluation of assessments

To obtain accreditation by ABSNC, the CRNI® certification program subscribes to the overall purpose and functions of infusion nursing specialty. The CRNI® credential is distinct from other nursing specialties and is national in scope. To obtain these accreditations, there has been an identified need for infusion nurses who devote their practice to the specialty of infusion therapy.

Additionally, all programs are evaluated on the required demonstration of a valid and reliable process for development, implementation, maintenance, and governance of the program. It is a rigorous peer review process that is monitored on an annual basis with a full reaccreditation application every fifth year.

The following 5 reasons explain why accreditation matters to your CRNI® credential:

- **Defining the Specialty³**

The certification examination program is based on a distinct and well-defined field of nursing practice in the United States that subscribes to the overall purpose and functions of nursing. There is an identified need for the specialty and nurses who devote most of their practice to the specialty.

- **Broad Confidence and Trust**

Industry, consumers, and governments alike recognize the dependability of accreditation. The level of confidence and trust gives assurance to the outputs of an accredited program.

- **Competitive Advantage**

Accreditation elevates your program above your unaccredited competitors. Undergoing the rigor of accreditation, it provides the consumer (ie, the patient), the certificant, and the public a distinction within the marketplace.

- **Validation**

Accreditation signals an employer that the credential holder has undergone a valid assessment to verify that he or she has the necessary competencies to practice.

- **Research-based Body of Knowledge²**

A body of research-based knowledge related to the infusion nursing specialty exists. Mechanisms have been established for the support, review, and dissemination of research and knowledge in the infusion nursing specialty. Activities with the specialty contribute to the advancement of infusion nursing science within the specialty.

The value of accreditation to the certification holder is that there is an added layer of psychometric, administrative, and operational review to ensure that the assessment, management, reliability, and validity of the certification exam is statistically sound, developed accordingly, and is fair and reliable.

As you display your CRNI® credential, keep in mind the rigor of its development process, the management of the credential, and its ongoing assessment and revision to provide you with the most comprehensive certification on the market. Your CRNI® credential is the ONLY infusion nursing certification with third-party accreditation.⁴ You should be proud!

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