



Policy 4.8 Disciplinary Process

Policy

BCEN® considers misrepresentation and/or noncompliance with eligibility criteria, the rules and guidelines of BCEN certification, and/or misuse of the BCEN credentials serious ethical issues that require investigation and possible disciplinary action.

Cause for denial, suspension or revocation of emergency, pediatric emergency, transport (both flight and ground), and trauma nursing certification includes, but is not limited to:

- Falsification of information on the CEN®, CFRN®, CPEN®, CTRN®, or TCRN® or examination application and/or CEN-Recertification, CFRN-Recertification, CPEN-Recertification CTRN-Recertification, or TCRN-Recertification application;
- Misrepresentation of CE credits required for recertification;
- Falsification of any material information requested by the BCEN;
- Any restrictions such as revocation, suspension, probation or other sanctions of professional RN license by a nursing license authority that limits the individual's ability to function in an emergency care setting and perform those tasks normally associated with emergency nursing practice;
- Misrepresentation of CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN certification status;
- Suspected individual pre-knowledge of test content, impersonation, cheating on the CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN examination, or other evidence of possible examination compromise.

Upon completion of the review process described in Policy 4.7, BCEN reserves the right to take disciplinary action, for valid cause, against its certificate holders, individuals seeking BCEN certification, or individuals misrepresenting their CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN certification status.

Procedure

1. Proof is obtained that an individual with a CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN credential or an individual seeking CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN certification has been involved in one of the situations described above.
2. The Disciplinary Subcommittee, with authority from the BCEN Board, has reached a unanimous decision that disciplinary action is required, or the BCEN Board has concluded that disciplinary action is required, as outlined in Policy 4.7.
3. If cheating on the exam occurs, the individual will be dismissed from completing the exam. If the individual currently is a CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN, then his/her credential will be revoked. If the individual is not yet CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN certified, the exam will be treated as a failure, and the individual will not be allowed to retake the exam for three (3) months.
4. If misrepresentation of CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN certification status occurred, a certified letter will be sent to the individual asking to cease and desist. A response will be required within 30 days. If no response occurs, legal action will be considered.
5. Falsification of material information to the BCEN will be considered on an individual basis with the decision based on the significance of the falsification.
6. If CE credits required for recertification are falsified or misrepresented, an audit will result, with the potential for revocation of the certificants credential.
7. If restrictions are placed on the individual's nursing license, his/her CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, or TCRN credential will be suspended until the restrictions are lifted.

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