



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY NURSING™

BCEN's History

With our roots firmly entrenched in empowering nurses to deliver high quality care that improves patient care, safety and outcomes, BCEN's nearly 40-year history demonstrates a commitment to excellence, industry partnership and supporting nurses practicing across the emergency spectrum who are committed to achieving and maintaining board certification.

July 2019: BCEN Executive Director Janie Schumaker begins serving a two-year term as president of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).

January 2019: The TCRN® certification program earns ABSNC accreditation.

Fall 2018: BCEN launches new website (www.bcen.org) and new brand identity.

July 2018: BCEN publishes second white paper, *Take Your Emergency Department to the Next Level with Board Certified Emergency Nurses: A Special Report for ED Leaders and Hospital Administrators*.

June 2018: BCEN publishes first white paper for emergency nurses, *5 Compelling Reasons to Get (and Keep) Your Emergency Nursing Specialty Certification*.

December 2017: BCEN appoints Janie Schumaker as its new executive director.

October 2017: Recertification by continuing education (CE) attestation and BCEN digital badges are introduced.

September 2017: Results of BCEN's rigorous, large-scale value of emergency nursing certification study—*The Value of CEN® Certification Research Study*—are announced. Reflecting the responses of over 8,800 certified and non-certified emergency nurses and 1,002 of their supervisors, the first-of-its-kind study in emergency nursing demonstrates significant positive correlations between emergency nursing certification and multiple nursing expertise, performance and career outcomes.

April 2017: TCRN® becomes a Magnet®-accepted certification program.

December 2016: The *Yes You Can! Get Certified Employer Exam Voucher Program* is introduced, offering volume-based discounts on certification exam voucher purchases to employers who are committed to building and growing a board certified nurse workforce.

June 2016: BCEN becomes the sole owner of the CPEN® certification program.

February 2016: TCRN® (Trauma Certified Registered Nurse) certification program launches.

May 2015: CPEN® is accredited by ABSNC.*

2012: BCEN and the Society of Trauma Nurses study the feasibility of a trauma nursing certification exam.

January 2012: BCEN opens new headquarters in Oak Brook, IL.

February 2009: CEN®, CFRN®, CPEN®, and CTRN® become Magnet®-accepted certification programs.

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January 2009: CPEN® (Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse) certification program launches in partnership with the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

September 2007: CFRN® is accredited by ABSNC.*

March 2006: CTRN® (Certified Transport Registered Nurse) certification program is introduced.

2005: CFRN® (Certified Flight Registered Nurse) certification program launches.

2005: BCEN and the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board assess the need for pediatric emergency nursing certification.

2004: BCEN and the Air & Surface Transport Nursing Association (ASTNA) fund a role delineation study of flight and ground transport nursing.

February 2002: CEN® is accredited by ABSNC.*

1991: BCEN and the National Flight Nurses Association (now ASTNA) discuss the development of a certification exam for flight nurses.

July 1980: BCEN launches the CEN® (Certified Emergency Nurse) certification program, with 902 emergency nurses passing the first emergency nursing certification examination offered in the U.S. *In August 1979, six nurses convened by the Emergency Nurses Association first met to formulate what would eventually become the CEN.*

July 1980: The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN®) is established as an independent, nonprofit corporation.

August 1979: Six nurses convened by the Emergency Nurses Association meet to formulate what will eventually become the first emergency nursing specialty certification.

**The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certifications (ABSNC) is the only accreditation body specifically for nursing certification. Accreditation by ABSNC is a peer-review mechanism that signifies a certification program has demonstrated compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry. The 18 standards established by ABSNC validate a certifying organization's autonomy and ethical operations, sound governance, quality improvement efforts and excellence and rigor of certifying programs.*

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