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Janie Schumaker, MBA, BSN, RN, CEN, CENP, CPHQ, FABC
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An accomplished nurse leader with over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Janie Schumaker has spent the majority of her career in emergency nursing, both at the bedside and in leadership roles.

Schumaker was named CEO of the [Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing \(BCEN\)](#), an independent, not-for-profit nursing specialty board that certifies emergency, transport and trauma nurses, in January 2021 after serving as executive director since December 2017. Recent major BCEN initiatives led by Schumaker include the development and launch of the award-winning [BCEN Learn](#) continuing education platform, the [BCEN EDvantage](#) certificate, and the [BCEN Learn Live conferences](#).

From July 2019 – June 2021, she served as president of the [American Board of Nursing Specialties \(ABNS\)](#), whose member organizations represent nearly 1 million board certified nurses worldwide across dozens of specialties. During this time, she spearheaded major research projects describing credentialing programs offered by U.S.-based nursing certification boards and the public perception of nursing specialty certification.

Prior to her executive roles at BCEN, Schumaker held multiple nurse executive positions including chief nursing officer (CNO), director of emergency services, and several senior business operations and client experience posts. A strong advocate for professional certification—in particular, national board certification for nurses—she first earned her Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) credential from BCEN in 1996 and also holds the Certified in Executive Nursing Practice (CENP) and Certified Professional in Health Quality (CPHQ) credentials. She has been a registered nurse since 1992.

Schumaker's first role with BCEN was as a volunteer item writer for the CEN exam in 2003. She subsequently served on the CEN exam construction and review committee, became a board member, served in multiple board leadership roles including board chair, and was appointed BCEN's interim executive director in July 2017. She is a long-time and active member of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) and is a Fellow of the Advisory Board Company (FABC). From 2008-2014, she served on the board of the Reach Healthcare Foundation. From 2013-2019, she served as a volunteer Medical Officer for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

[Peer-reviewed articles](#) authored or co-authored by Schumaker focusing on nursing specialty certification, the emergency nursing workforce and nurse leadership have been published in *Nurse Leader*, *Air Medical Journal*, and *Nursing Management*.

Schumaker earned her MBA from University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, KS, and her BSN from University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is a lifelong resident of Kansas City, KS. For additional details, please visit <https://www.linkedin.com/in/janieschumaker/>

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