

2023

YEAR IN REVIEW



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY NURSING
Excellence. Achievement. Impact.

Growing to Meet the Needs of Specialty Certified RNs

In 2023, BCEN launched a new certification program, debuted dozens of new clinical and leadership CE offerings, and made recertification more accessible and affordable than ever—all while supporting and celebrating the unparalleled clinical excellence and professionalism of BCEN-certified RNs delivering expert, compassionate care across the emergency spectrum.

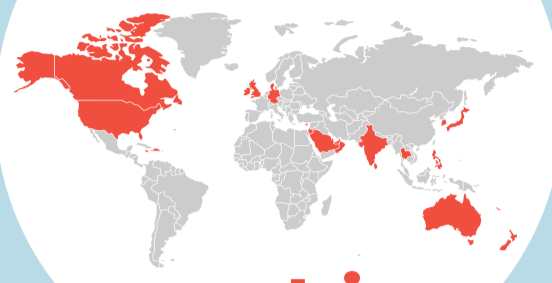


Janie Schumaker

MBA, BSN, RN, CEN, CENP, CPHQ, FABC, BCEN Chief Executive Officer

An International Mark of Excellence

28



countries

Everyone at BCEN, including our SME volunteers, is dedicated to ensuring that emergency, trauma, transport and now burn nurses are recognized for their high level of expertise and tremendous contributions to specialty care.

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WORLD-CLASS CREDENTIALS



40,358



5,407



7,606



6,127



529



285

With a focus on maintaining the rigor, quality and accreditation of our emergency, transport and trauma credentials, we also introduced a brand new certification—the Certified Burn Registered Nurse (CBRN)—to validate specialty expertise across the burn nursing continuum of care.

As dedicated CENs, CPENs, and TCRNs elevated care in their EDs and trauma centers, the ranks of CFRNs and CTRNs both grew by double digits, topping 6,000 and 500, respectively, for the first time.

By year end, over **60,000** BCEN credentials were held across 28 countries.

TRANSFORMING TRANSPORT CARE BY AIR & GROUND



2023 was a banner year for transport specialty certification. The first ever value of CTRN and CFRN certification studies published in *Air Medical Journal*, the CTRN certification program was accredited by ABSNC, and the air medical transport community joined BCEN and flight nurses everywhere in celebrating the CFRN's 30th anniversary.

Recognizing Burn Nursing Specialty Expertise

With an official launch date of October 17, RNs and APRNs in the U.S. and Canada earning the CBRN were the among the world's first board certified burn nurses. We thank the dozens of expert contributors who served on the CBRN RDS Advisory Committee, as CBRN item writers, and on the new CBRN Exam Construction Review Committee for helping us be part of burn nursing history.

I am excited that burn nurses in the U.S. and around the world will now be recognized for their knowledge, skill, and expertise through the CBRN certification. I anticipate that with this new certification, we will advance the field of burn nursing. These are exciting times for our specialty!

Gretchen Carrougher, MN, RN, CBRN

UW Medicine Regional Burn Center, Harborview Medical Center, CBRN ECRC Chairperson



INCREASING EASE, ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

BCEN Vouchers were used for nearly 1/3 of initial certification applications in 2023, and the number of facilities purchasing vouchers rose by nearly 30%. To support maintenance of certification, BCEN reduced the cost of renewal by exam by 40% and renewal by CE attestation by 20%.

To ease the stress that can accompany initial certification, we introduced the **BCEN Test Assurance** option, offering a second exam attempt in the case of a failed first attempt.



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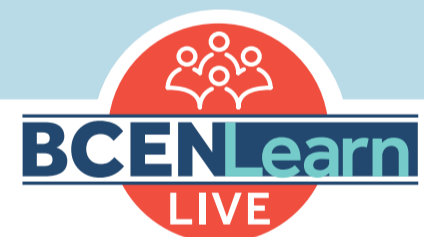
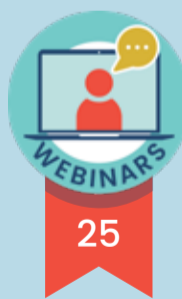
Increase in facilities purchasing vouchers*

*Compared to 2022

BCEN Learn

2023 saw the release of new, in-depth BCEN Learn CE courses on ED simulations, pediatric pain management, cardiogenic shock, end-of-life care, forensics, interfacility transport and nurse wellbeing ... along with a Jeopardy-style CE game and a CBRN practice exam. Our newest CE bundle, featuring our top professional development courses, prepares RNs for leadership roles and responsibilities at a 25% discount.

EVEN MORE CE OPPORTUNITIES



COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

Bringing in-person CEs and networking opportunities to where BCEN-certified nurses live and work, our 2023 BCEN Learn Live conferences energized hundreds of RNs in Dallas and Charlotte, NC.

"This conference was well organized and presented topics that caught my attention... Most importantly, it refreshed my desire not just to be certified, but to encourage younger nurses to get certified too.

I am already encouraging others to go with me to Chicago. Thank you for this excellent opportunity in a great venue, delicious food, and amazing presenters." -BCEN Learn Live Charlotte Attendee

Next Steps:

- Chicago (May '24)
- Colorado Springs (Apr '25)
- Phoenix (Nov '24)
- Destin (Oct '25)

Making Academic Dreams Come True

Education, professional involvement and certification go hand in hand. That's why BCEN has funded over \$1.5 million in academic scholarships since 2012 through ASTNA, ENA, STN & NSNA.

\$1.5M+

Scholarship Contributions Since 2012

\$155K

2023 Scholarship Contributions



Meeting and celebrating our remarkable Distinguished Award honorees and the certification powerhouses recognized as this year's National Certification Champions ranked among our favorite happenings in 2023. Congratulations to the winners. We salute you!

Celebrating Certified Excellence