



Frequently Asked Questions:

CBN Certification, Accreditation, and Magnet Status

What is the CBN certification?

The Certified Bariatric Nurse (CBN) certification is a professional credential for nurses specializing in the care of patients undergoing bariatric surgery. The examination is designed to assess the professional competence of practitioners in the specialty of bariatric nursing. It signifies a nurse's dedication, expertise, and commitment to providing high-quality care in the field of metabolic and bariatric nursing.

CBN Certification Pursues Accreditation Status

ASMBS and the CBN Accreditation Council are actively pursuing accreditation through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), a Magnet Recognition Program approved accreditation authority. The process is comprehensive and ongoing, with a dedicated team working towards meeting all necessary criteria for accreditation. While ASMBS is making significant progress and prioritizing this effort, a specific timeline for completion is not yet available. However, ASMBS is committed to keeping candidates informed and will share updates as soon as they become available.

Why is accreditation of the CBN certification important?

Accreditation ensures that the CBN certification meets the highest standards of professional excellence and credibility. It is a mark of quality that reflects adherence to stringent criteria regarding the certification's development, administration, and governance.

How does the Magnet designation relate to CBN certification?

Magnet-designated health systems and some other non-Magnet-designated hospital systems recognize and often financially support nurses in obtaining certifications that are accredited by the organizations recognized by the Magnet Recognition Program. Accreditation of the CBN certification would enable more nurses to obtain this credential with financial support from their employers, enhancing the quality of care provided to metabolic bariatric surgery patients.

What should I do if I'm interested in obtaining the CBN certification, but my hospital requires it to be accredited?

ASMBS is actively working towards achieving NCCA accreditation, and sharing this information may help in discussions about potential support for obtaining the CBN certification in the future.

Updates will be shared as they become available via the [CBN Program webpage](#), the [Certified Bariatric Nurses private Facebook group](#), and the ASMBS *Weekly At-A-Glance*. For additional questions, please contact cbn@asmbs.org.