

> Which areas can be considered for alternate test sites?

Initially, the CCTN examination will be given in pencil and paper format, with computer-based testing as a later phase of examination development. The examination will be offered at least four different cities regionally as determined by the board of directors. Please see the ABTC website (www.abtc.net) for specific dates and locations.

> Does this exam replace the CCTC or CPTC exams?

No. The exams for clinical and procurement coordinators will continue to be administered for those transplant professionals. Those positions are distinctly different from transplant staff nurses. Transplant coordinators who are registered nurses and fulfill all other eligibility criteria may also sit for the CCTN exam if they want dual certification. Just as a transplant coordinator can be dually certified as a CCTC and CPTC.

ABTC re-certification requirements are different for dually certified nurses. This information can also be obtained at the ABTC web site.



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The CCTN Examination

Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse

**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**

*about
the certification for
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CCTN CERTIFICATION

> Why certify?

The American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) has been offering certification examinations since 1988 as a method of promoting the highest standard for transplant professionals. ABTC, in conjunction with the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS), recognized the need to develop a new examination for transplant nurses. The first examination for Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse (CCTN) was administered October 13, 2004.

> What does certification mean?

The use of certification credentials attest to the community and the public that the individual has met a standard of competency and possesses the necessary knowledge and skills needed to provide quality care for transplant donors and recipients.

> How long does certification last?

Certification is valid for a period of three years. Continued certification is obtained by documentation of continuing education activities or by re-passing the certification exam.

> How are the exam questions developed?

Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP) is the professional testing agency contracted by ABTC to assist in the development, administration, scoring, and analysis of the CCTN examination. A job analysis survey was sent out to over 1,000 transplant staff nurses nationally and internationally to determine current technologies, methods, and practices performed. Responses from the survey determined examination content.

> Who can write exam questions?

Any currently certified transplant coordinator or interested staff nurse may write questions for the exam. The exam matrix is available on-line to determine which areas are acceptable for question-writing. All questions will be reviewed by the CCTN exam committee which consists of staff nurses from varied geographic locations and two international members representing all organ systems. The exam committee will determine the appropriateness of each question. Anyone interested in writing questions should contact ABTC at the e-mail and phone below.



> Who qualifies to take the CCTN examination?

In order to be considered eligible for the certification examination for transplant nurses, a candidate must have completed 24 months as a registered nurse, of which 12 months work experience must be directly involved in the care of solid organ transplant patients.

> I only take care of kidney transplant patients. How much of the exam will cover the other solid organs?

There will be no more than eight items about any specific organ on a test. This equals 5% of the examination. The examination contains 150 questions. All candidates are given three hours to complete the exam.

> How do I register to take the examination?

The application will be available online and can be mailed out to anyone who requests a copy of it.

Visit www.abtc.net to download the candidate handbook and examination application.