

# Certified Plastic Surgical Nurse CPSN

## Step 1

**NOTE:** Applying for the first time is through C-Net ([www.cnetnurse.com](http://www.cnetnurse.com)). Please refer all questions to C-NET

### Obtain Certification

#### Eligibility:

At the time a nurse applies to sit for the certification exam, applicants must:

- Be currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the United States, its territories or Canada, holding a current full and unrestricted license.
- Have a minimum of two (2) years of plastic surgical nursing experience as a registered nurse in a general staff, administrative, teaching, or research capacity for at least three (3) years prior to application, and
- Have spent at least 1,000 practice hours in plastic surgical nursing during two (2) of the preceding three (3) years.
- Be currently working in the field of plastic surgical nursing and in collaboration with a board certified plastic surgeon who holds a current full and unrestricted license.

**Application:** <http://PSNCB.org/CPSN/Application/>

**Exam dates, fees, more information:** <http://PSNCB.org/CPSN/>

## Step 2

**NOTE:** Recertification applications are online only; you must read and attest to having read, all requirements.

### Recertification

#### Eligibility:

- Current Nursing License
- Supervisor Attestation (Same as for **original** Certification Eligibility - NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 45+ contact hours during the 3-year CPSN certification period
  - 30+ of which are in one or more core specialties: Plastic/Aesthetic Surgery, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, or Facial Plastic Surgery (ENT).
  - 2+ patient Safety hours
- Hours outside the 3-year certification will not be accepted

## Step 3

### Application:

Recertification applications are only available online at [PSNCB.org/nurses/](http://PSNCB.org/nurses/), which open one month after your certification or last recertification date. PSNCB suggests you create your recertification application as soon as you are able, and upload certificates over the next 34 months to submit the application one month prior to expiration to avoid the \$75 late fee.

## Workflow

