

Getting Started:
A Quick Guide to AHNCC Holistic Nursing Certification



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Here is a quick guide to help you apply for Certification in Holistic Nursing. A simple breakdown of the steps required follows. This guide might not directly apply to those applicants who are currently located internationally or have gone through an Endorsed School. You can find more information about that in our more detailed guide, or on our website.

<https://www.ahncc.org/certification/holistic-nurse-certifications/>

<https://www.ahncc.org/school-endorsement-program/current-endorsed-nursing-programs/>

1) Eligibility Criteria

- a. **ALL** applications/certifications require an unrestricted, current RN license. I am sorry but we **do not** accept LPN or LVN applicants
- b. **ALL** certifications require 2000 hours or 1 year of full- time holistic nursing practice within the last 5 years. Holistic Nursing is universal in nature and may be practiced in any clinical role or setting; community, private practice, hospital, educational institution, research-focused foundation, or organization; with the understanding that people are greater than the sum of their parts, clients are the experts of their own needs and care is always planned for and provided within the context of their culture, perceptions, values, and belief system. It is a way of being, not the tasks we do. Task competence is expected but the philosophy that guides your practice is what makes you a holistic nurse.
- c. **ALL** certifications require 48 CNE hours in Holistic Nursing Theory, Research, Practice, or related topics, within 2 years of applying. List of opportunities are offered in the link below.

<https://www.ahncc.org/resources/professional-development-activities/>

2) Exam Preparation

- a. A good understanding of the Basic Core Practice Competencies of Holistic Nursing is required to pass the **HN-BC** or the **HNB-BC** exam. That information is in the appendix section in the document at the link below.
<https://www.ahncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-BASIC-HN-CORE-ESSENTIALS-Final.pdf>
- b. Advanced Core Practice Competencies of Holistic Nursing are for those taking the **AHN-BC** or the **APHN-BC** exam. An APRN license is required to sit for the APHN-BC test. Information specific to the Advanced Core Competencies is in the appendix section in the document at the link below.
<http://www.ahncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-ADVANCED-CORE-ESSENTIALS-DOCUMENT-Final.pdf>
- c. Each level of certification has a separate practice exam. It is \$65 per attempt. It is managed by C-NET. Answers are not given to the questions that are incorrect. You must contact C-NET with any issues with the practice exam or application.

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You can find the practice exams and applications for our Holistic Nursing Certifications below.

Holistic Nurse- Board Certified (HN-BC)

<https://online-practice-exam.cnetnurse.com/ahncc-hnbc/> -Practice Exam

<https://www.cnetnurse.com/holistic-nursing-hn-bc> - Application

Holistic Nurse Baccalaureate Board Certified (HNB-BC)

<https://online-practice-exam.cnetnurse.com/ahncc-hnbbc/> -Practice Exam

<https://www.cnetnurse.com/holistic-nursing-hnb-bc> -Application

Advanced Holistic Nurse Board Certified (AHN-BC)

<https://online-practice-exam.cnetnurse.com/ahncc-ahnbc/> -Practice Exam

<https://www.cnetnurse.com/holistic-nursing-ahn-bc> -Application

Advanced Practice Holistic Nurse Board Certified (APHN-BC)

<https://online-practice-exam.cnetnurse.com/ahncc-aphnbc/> -Practice Exam

<https://www.cnetnurse.com/holistic-nursing-aphn-bc> -Application

3) Additional Information and Helpful Links

- a. AHNCC video Library which contains more in-depth information on topics
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/resources/video-library/>
- b. Certification Applications and Supporting Documents
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/resources/document-library/>
- c. Professional Development and Continuing Competency
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/resources/professional-development-activities/>
- d. AHNCC Holistic Nursing Certifications Page
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/certification/holistic-nurse-certifications/>
- e. American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA)
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/resources/membership-in-the-american-holistic-nurses-association-ahna/>
- f. Holistic Nursing Programs (Not required to apply for or pass exam)
 - i. <https://www.ahncc.org/certification/holistic-nurse-certifications/>

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