

NCBON CNS RECOGNITION PROCESS

Submit Required Documentation.
Use chart below to determine
what to provide to NCBON.

CNS Documentation Determination Flowchart

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Do you have an unrestricted license to practice as an RN in NC or multistate license in a Compact State?

You are not eligible for CNS
recognition by the NCBON.

No

Yes

Do you have restrictions on a previous approval, registration or license as a clinical nurse specialist in another state?

No

Yes

You will need to provide additional
information from the state in question.

Have you successfully completed a graduate degree in nursing or a related field prior to
July 1, 2015 or a graduate degree in nursing in a CNS program on or after July 1, 2015

No

Yes

Do you hold current certification as a clinical nurse specialist from a credentialing body?

No

Yes

If national CNS certification is available in your
specialty, you MUST obtain the national
CNS certification.

If there is no national CNS certification available
in your specialty and you completed your program
prior to 07-01-2015, contact our Practice
Department at practice@ncbon.com for
information regarding the CNS Portfolio route.

You may submit your application via the Nurse
Gateway. The following documents will be
required as part of the application:

- Via regular mail only
- Official transcript of master's, post-master's
certificate or doctoral degree sent directly from
the school to NCBON and
 - National certification sent directly from the
national credentialing body to NCBON.

Transcripts and/or certification sent from the
CNS applicant will not be accepted.