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.

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.

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

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

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

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

- 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.

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

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