

# 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.

As of April 1, 2023, there is no portfolio for CNS recognition.

For more information, please email [aprnpractice@ncbon.com](mailto:aprnpractice@ncbon.com).

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.