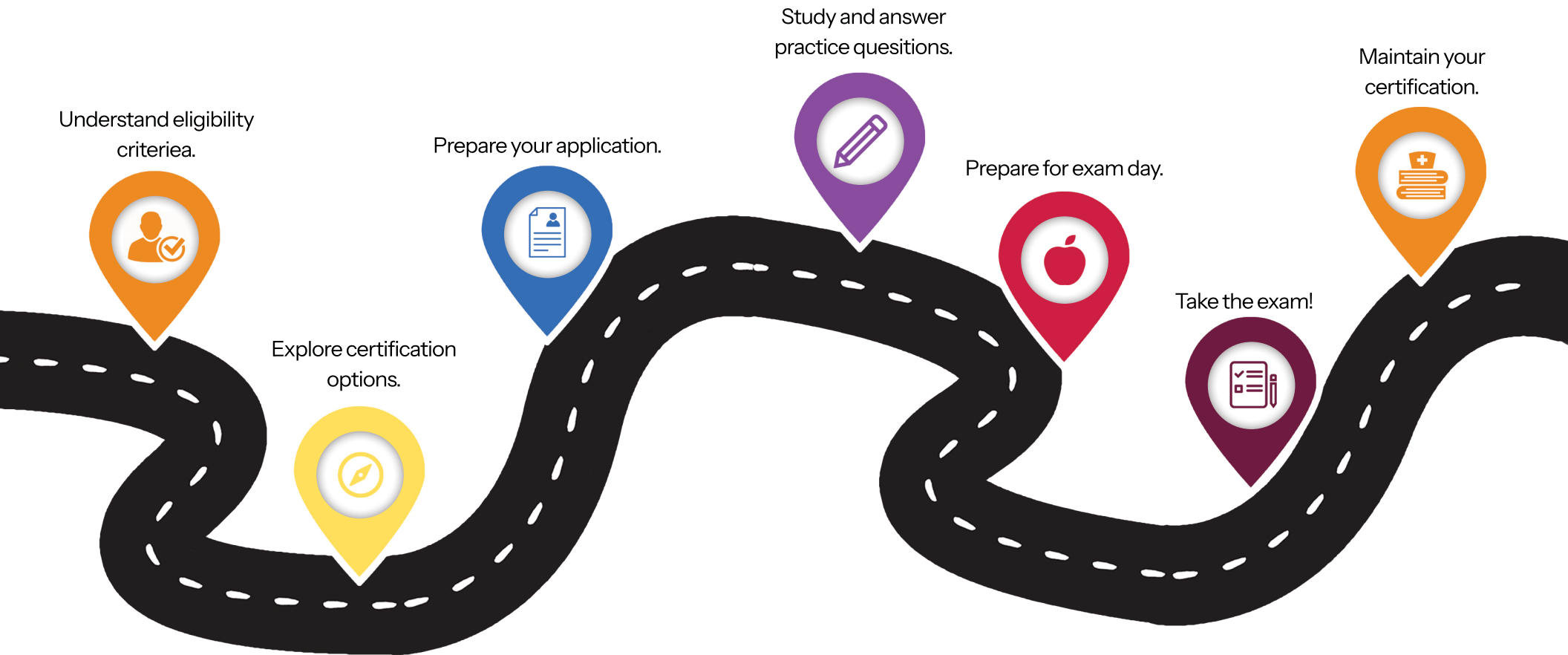


ROADMAP TO NEPHROLOGY NURSING CERTIFICATION



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FOR THE NURSE WANTING TO GET CERTIFIED:

1 Understand Eligibility Criteria & Requirements

Ensure you meet the requirements for certification through the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC):

- ✓ **Licensure:** Hold a full and unrestricted RN license in the United States or its territories.
- ✓ **Experience:** Complete a minimum of 3,000 hours in nephrology nursing within the past 3 years. For outpatient hemodialysis facilities, at least 750 hours (25%) must include experience in areas like:
 - ✓ Home hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
 - ✓ Inpatient kidney replacement therapy (acute or critical care).
 - ✓ CKD management, kidney transplant, or apheresis.
- ✓ **Education:** Hold a baccalaureate or master's degree in nursing.

2 Explore Certification Options

Choose the certification that aligns with your goals:

- ✓ Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN)
- ✓ Certified Nephrology Nurse–Nurse Practitioner (CNN-NP)
- ✓ Certified Dialysis Nurse (CDN)
- ✓ Other NNCC certifications (e.g., CCHT, CCHT-A, CD-LPN).

3 Prepare Your Application

Submit your forms and fees:

- ✓ Access the online application through the NNCC website.
- ✓ Gather necessary documents: nursing license, proof of hours, and continuing education certificates.
- ✓ Pay the required fees and review the NNCC policies for certification.

4 Study and Answer Practice Questions

Utilize resources to prepare for the exam:

- ✓ **Certification Review Course:** Complete ANNA's self-paced online Certification review course or attend local chapter review events.
- ✓ **Study Materials:**
 - ✓ Download the Certification Preparation Guide.
 - ✓ Review the test blueprint and specifications to identify high-weight content areas.
 - ✓ Familiarize yourself with the exam reference list.
- ✓ **Practice Exams:** Take the online practice exam provided by NNCC and focus on weaker areas.
- ✓ **Study Strategies:**
 - ✓ Join a study group.
 - ✓ Shadow a colleague in areas you need to strengthen.
 - ✓ Review nephrology nursing textbooks systematically.

5 Prepare for Exam Day

Be physically and emotionally ready:

- ✓ Get a good night's sleep and eat a balanced meal before the exam.
- ✓ Gather necessary materials: government-issued photo ID, nursing license, examination permit, sweater or jacket.
- ✓ Arrive early to the testing site.
- ✓ Use anxiety reducing-techniques like relaxation exercises or guided imagery.

6 Take the Exam

Tips for Success:

- ✓ Read questions carefully and focus on key terms like “first,” “most likely,” or “best.”
- ✓ Answer based on the information provided without overthinking.
- ✓ Manage your time wisely, marking uncertain question for review later.
- ✓ Use as much of the allotted time as needed.

7 Maintain Your Certification

Plan for recertification:

- ✓ Track and complete continuing education hours.
- ✓ Stay updated on NNCC policies and requirements for maintaining your credential.

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