

ANCB

Addictions Nursing Certification Board

PO Box 14846
Lenexa, KS 66285-4846

Dear Addictions Nurse Colleague:

As a nurse specializing in the care of addicted clients, you have a tremendous responsibility. Your professional competence and personal commitment to your clients can be keys to a successful recovery program. Obtaining certification as a CARN or CARN-AP recognizes your commitment to providing quality nursing care and offers professional recognition of your attainment of a level of expertise.

This application contains information on both examinations provided by the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB). The first several pages of this application provide an overview of the ANCB. Descriptions of the CARN and the CARN-AP are provided with information about the test blueprints. A list of references for study is also provided. Eligibility criteria for each examination are specified. Policies and procedures related to the examination, associated fees, refunds, and retesting are provided.

Application forms are located immediately following the “Checklist”. Please submit the completed checklist with your application to verify that you have included all the required components of your particular application.

We hope you will choose to demonstrate your professional commitment to addictions nursing by becoming certified in this specialty. If you have any questions that are not answered by the enclosed materials, please contact the ANCB office.

The parent society for ANCB is International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA). IntNSA membership provides many benefits including reduced rates for their educational conference and paid subscription to the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*. For membership information, please visit <http://www.intnsa.org> or call (877) 646-8672 or request an application at IntNSA, PO Box 14846, Lenexa, KS 66285-4846.

The certification examinations are administered by our testing partner, Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc. Please submit your completed application to:

ANCB Certification Program
c/o Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc.
2494 Bayshore Boulevard, Suite 201
Dunedin, FL 34698

Sincerely,

Connie Mele, MSN, RN, LCAS, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP
Addictions Nursing Certification Board, Chairperson
P.O. Box 14846
Lenexa, KS 66285-4846
Email: info.director@intnsa.org
www.intnsa.org/certifications

THE ADDICTIONS NURSING CERTIFICATION BOARD

The Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB) was established in 1989 for the purpose of promoting the highest standards of addictions nursing practice through development, implementation, and coordination of all aspects of certification for addictions nurses.

Certification attests to attainment of specialized knowledge beyond the basic nursing credential. Certification serves to maintain and to promote quality nursing care by providing a mechanism for nurses to demonstrate their proficiency in a nursing specialty area. It documents that special knowledge has been achieved, elevates the standards of addictions nursing practice, and provides for expanded career opportunities and advancement within the specialty of addictions nursing. Thus, certification benefits the nurse, the profession of nursing, and the public.

CERTIFICATION GRANTED BY ANCB IS PURSUANT TO A VOLUNTARY PROCEDURE INTENDED SOLELY TO TEST FOR SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE.

ANCB DOES NOT PURPORT TO LICENSE, TO CONFER A RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE UPON, NOR OTHERWISE TO DEFINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ANY PERSON FOR NURSING PRACTICE.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CERTIFICATION IN ANY JURISDICTION OR INSTITUTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO DETERMINE. THE CANDIDATE SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE STATE BOARD OF NURSING OR INSTITUTION FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CARN EXAMINATION

The ANCB Certification examination is based on a job analysis of addictions nursing practice. The Care of Client with Addictions (1987), and the Standards of Addictions Nursing Practice with Selected Diagnoses and Criteria (1988), were prepared by the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) in collaboration with the American Nurses' Association. The original job analysis and examination were developed with the assistance of the National League for Nursing. The most recent job analysis was conducted in 1996.

The certification examination consists of approximately 200 multiple-choice items, written within the framework of the nursing process. It is four hours in length and is designed to test specialized knowledge of addictions nursing practice.

CARN TEST OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the CARN examination are to determine the nurse's ability to 1) Apply knowledge from nursing and related disciplines in the care of persons with problems resulting from patterns of abuse, dependence, and addictions; and 2) Synthesize the nursing process in the care of persons with potential or actual problems resulting from patterns of abuse, dependence, and addiction.

The test addresses biological, psychosocial, cognitive, and spiritual problems resulting from concurrent diagnoses (multiple diagnoses); depressant, stimulant, and hallucinogenic substances; and process addictions (e.g., eating disorders, gambling, sexual addiction, co-dependency). The breakdown of test items by content area is provided in Table 1. Table 2 provides the breakdown of test items related to nursing diagnoses and general practice.

Table 1. Blueprint for CARN and CARN-AP related to client problems	
Area	%
Concurrent diagnosis (includes concurrent physical and addiction diagnoses, concurrent psychiatric and addiction diagnoses, and polysubstance abuse)	35
Depressant substances	25
Stimulant substances	20
Process addictions (includes eating disorders, gambling, spending, sexual addictions)	15
Hallucinogenic substances	5

Table 2. Blueprint for CARN and CARN-AP related to nursing diagnosis and general practice	
Area	%
Cognitive needs	21
Psychosocial needs	20
Spiritual needs	20
Biological needs	19
General scope of practice	20

CARN SAMPLE ITEMS

1. For one week, Mr. Simon Lane has been a patient on the detoxification unit for alcoholism and occasional use of marijuana and cocaine. He is now in small group therapy sessions led by a nurse. On his second meeting, he fidgets in his seat and finally says, "I'm having difficulty sitting still. Am I bothering some of you who are here? Maybe I should stop coming to these meetings." Which of these actions in response to Mr. Lane would be appropriate?
 1. Encourage him to share his problem with the group members and ask for their help.
 2. Recognize that this is manipulative behavior and encourage him to remain in the group.
 3. Remove him from the group and further assess his needs.
 4. Tell him not to concern himself about the group members and to continue in the group.

Correct response – 1
2. Mrs. Lora Green, 50 year old, is admitted to the detoxification unit for heavy drinking. Her orders include oxazepam (Serax) 10 mg q 6h prn and diphenhydramine hydrochloride (Benadryl) 50 mg q 6h prn. During the nurse's initial assessment of Mrs. Green, which of these questions should take priority?
 1. Has she been taking any over-the-counter medication?
 2. Has she ever had a withdrawal seizure?
 3. When did she have her last drink?
 4. What has been her usual daily alcohol consumption?

Correct response – 3
3. Mr. Bruce Mann, who is on the chemical dependency unit, tells the nurse that he is having cravings for cocaine. In addition to acknowledging the discomfort, the nurse suggests that he exercise at the gym, where various exercise machines are available. The appropriateness of this decision is based on which of these understandings about cocaine addicts?
 1. They are more comfortable alone.
 2. They need to be kept mentally occupied.
 3. They are highly motivated to improve their physique.
 4. They need outlets for physical tension to reduce craving.

Correct response – 4
4. Mr. Larry Port, 31 years old, who is on the addictions unit, last used cannabis (marijuana) 48 hours ago. A drug screen was administered to him. The results will most likely be positive for marijuana. A positive result will remain for:
 1. Several weeks.
 2. Seven days.
 3. 48 hours.
 4. An undetermined period.

Correct response - 1

DESCRIPTION OF THE CARN-AP EXAMINATION

The CARN-AP examination was developed following a practice (job) analysis of addictions nursing completed by IntNSA in 1996. Nearly 40% of the 450 survey respondents reported holding a master's or higher degree. Data analysis revealed significant differences between the practice patterns of nurses with graduate preparation and nurses with less preparation.

Although both groups of nurses dealt with similar clients, the master's-prepared nurses placed greater emphasis on psychotherapeutic interventions for clients, as well as a broader view of the client as a member of a family, group, and community. After reviewing the findings, the ANCB developed a blueprint for the advanced practice examination.

Like the CARN exam, the CARN-AP exam addresses biological, psychosocial, cognitive, and spiritual problems resulting from concurrent diagnoses (multiple diagnoses); depressant, stimulant and hallucinogenic substances; and process addictions (e.g., eating disorders, gambling, sexual addiction, co-dependency). The percentage of test content assigned to client problems, nursing diagnoses and general practice is the same as the CARN exam noted in the section above. However, the content of the advanced practice exam differs from the generalist CARN exam in having greater emphasis in the following areas:

- Counseling clients and families.
- Clients within the family system.
- Case finding; Continuum of care. Integration of theory.
- Group dynamics; Therapeutic role of the nurse in groups.
- Education of families and public about addictions.
- Cultural needs of client and family.
- Teaching problem solving to client and family. Primary prevention activities.
- Psychobiology (neurotransmitters, endorphins, etc.) Application of research in practice.
- Quality/Performance improvement.
- Outcomes measures;
- Benchmarking. Legal/Ethical issues.

The CARN-AP exam consists of 200 multiple-choice items, many written in case situations. It is four hours in length.

SUGGESTED REFERENCES FOR TEST PREPARATION

This list includes materials used as references for the certification exams. It is not meant to be an exhaustive bibliography for the exam but rather a way of giving you an idea of the test content.

Study materials developed by the International Nurses Society on Addictions may be purchased. For available materials, contact IntNSA at intnsa@intnsa.org.

- Allen, K.M. (1996). *Nursing Care of the Addicted Client*. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott.
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- Sullivan, E. (1995). *Nursing Care of Clients with Substance Abuse*. St. Louis: Mosby.
- Treatment Improvement Protocol Series (TIPSS)*. Published by US Department of HHS, PHS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Rockville, MD. (Also available online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/index.htm>).
- Titleman, P. (Ed.). (1999). *Clinical Applications of Bowen Family Systems Theory*. New York: The Haworth Press, Inc.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2000). *Tenth Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health*. Rockville, MD: National Institutes of Health. Available at <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/10report/intro.pdf>.

SUGGESTED REFERENCES FOR TEST PREPARATION (*continued*)

- Varcarolis, E. (2002). *Foundations of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, 4th Edition*. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders.
- Wilson, B.A., Shannon, M.T., & Stang, C.L. (2000). *Nurses Drug Guide 2000*. Stamford, CT: Appleton & Lange.
- Wright, L., & Leahey, M. (1999). *Nurses and Families: A Guide to Family Assessment and Intervention, 3rd Edition*. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – CARN

To be determined eligible to participate in the certification examination, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a current, full, and unrestricted license as a registered nurse (RN) in the United States, its possessions or Canada. If licensed in more than one jurisdiction, the candidate must hold full and unrestricted licenses in all jurisdictions. *Non-US nurses who meet the eligibility criteria are also invited to apply for the CARN examination, but must submit evidence of equivalent licensure as RN.*
2. Have a minimum of 4000 hours (two years) of nursing experience related to addictions as an RN in a staff, administrative, teaching, private practice, consultation, counseling, or research capacity within the last three (3) years.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – CARN-AP

To be determined, eligible to participate in the certification examination for advanced practice in addictions nursing, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a current, full, and unrestricted license as a registered nurse (RN) in the United States, its possessions, or Canada. If licensed in more than one jurisdiction, the candidate must hold full and unrestricted licenses in all jurisdictions. *Non-US or Canadian nurses who meet eligibility criteria must submit evidence of equivalent licensure as an RN.*
2. Hold a master's degree or higher in nursing.
3. The applicant must provide documentation verifying a minimum of 500 hours of supervised, direct client contact in advanced clinical practice working with individuals and families impacted by addictions/dual diagnoses. All 500 hours may be earned while in the master's program.

Submit a copy of the candidate's master's program transcript verifying the hours of supervised clinical practice. AND/OR:

Submit the enclosed Verification Form(s), signed by the consultant(s)/supervisor(s), to verify completion of post-master's hours of supervised direct client/patient contact which together with hours of supervised practice in the master's program, equal 500 or more hours.

It is preferable that the post-master's consultation/supervision be provided by a professional with experience and expertise in the field of addictions. The consulting/supervising professional may be one of the following: a) an addictions nurse specialist with a master's or higher degree and CARN certification; b) a master's prepared licensed/certified mental health social worker; c) a psychiatrist; d) a psychologist prepared at the doctoral level and listed in the National Registry of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or e) a psychologist prepared at the doctoral level in an APA-accredited program in one of the following clinical areas: clinical psychology, counseling, psychology, or school psychology.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. All eligibility requirements must be met at the time of application.
2. For the purpose of meeting addictions nursing practice requirements, the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB) accepts practitioners with addictions nursing experience in a staff, administrative, teaching, private practice, consultation, counseling, or research capacity.
3. It is the policy of the ANCB that no individual shall be excluded from the opportunity to participate in the ANCB certification program on the basis of race, color, natural origin, religion, gender, age, or handicap. The ANCB and its testing agency will make special testing arrangements to accommodate candidates with disabilities that interfere with test taking. If you request special arrangements you must notify SMT in writing at least six (6) weeks before the scheduled test date so that documentation can be completed and accommodations can be made. There is no additional fee for these accommodations.
4. Application processing is defined as the receipt and review of applications for determination of eligibility to participate in the certification program. Following the review, candidates will be determined eligible, ineligible, or placed on incomplete status pending additional information. Eligible candidates will be sent an authorization letter from Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc.

FEE SCHEDULE

Membership in the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)

Members of the IntNSA who are eligible for certification may apply at a reduced fee. Membership in the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) must be current through the date of the examination to be eligible for the reduced fee. For information on becoming a member, please contact International Nurses Society on Addictions, P.O. Box 14846, Lenexa, KS 66285-4846 or telephone (877) 646-8672.

APPLICATION FEES

Note: Payment must be in form of a money order or bank check.

	CARN	CARN-AP
IntNSA Members	\$175.00	\$275.00
Non-IntNSA Members	\$275.00	\$375.00

LATE APPLICATION FEE

The regular fee applies to applications filed by the deadline date indicated. Late applications received after the deadline, but prior to the final cutoff date are assessed a late fee of \$25.00, which must be included with the application.

REFUND POLICIES

Failure to complete the certification process will result in forfeiture of application fees unless written notice is sent to SMT with a postmark date four weeks prior to the administration of the examination. The fee will be refunded, less a non-refundable \$50.00 processing fee. All refunds will be made after the test administration date.

RETEST POLICIES

ANCB does not limit the number of times a candidate may retake the ANCB certification examination. Unsuccessful candidates who wish to retest must reapply and remit all applicable fees and documentation.

SCORING OF EXAMINATIONS

The ANCB certification examination passing score was established according to standard psychometric procedures. Candidates will be notified of their scores approximately six weeks after test administration. For the CBT administration, passing candidates will be notified of their status within a one-week period. Failing candidates will be provided with an overall scaled score, and a diagnostic breakdown of their strong and weak areas to assist them in preparing for a retake attempt.

APPEALS

An appeals process is available to certification candidates. A letter of appeal, detailing the issues should be directed to:

ANCB CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
Addictions Nurses Certification Board
P.O. Box 14846
Lenexa, KS 66285-4846
VOICE: (877) 646-8672
FAX: (913) 895-4652

EXAMINATION ADMISSION AND ADMINISTRATION

Make an Appointment to Take the Examination. When you receive your authorization letter from Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc., it will contain a website address to make an appointment to take the test at one of the Iso- Quality Testing (IQT) Computer-Based Testing Centers. Please have your postal code handy, and the registration system will be able to inform you of the closest centers and available appointments in your area. Appointments are available weekdays and some evenings and weekends, depending upon the specific center you request. Authorization to take the examination is valid for twelve (12) months from the date of your authorization letter. If you wish to cancel or reschedule your appointment, you must contact IQT **at least three business days prior to your appointment time.** Failure to do so will forfeit your examination fee. If you fail to attend your examination (i.e. no show) for any reason, or if you cannot be admitted, your examination and registration fee will be forfeited. To be rescheduled you must make another appointment time and pay another fee.

Examination Administration. Please arrive at the test center at the time noted on your admission document, which you will print out at the conclusion of the registration process. Please bring your admission letter to the examination. In order to be admitted, photo identification is also required.

You will not be admitted without proper identification. The only acceptable forms of identification are: driver's license, government-issued identification card, or a passport. No other forms of identification will be accepted. **No candidate will be admitted without the required documents. These materials are required for both original and RETAKE candidates. No walk-in candidates will be admitted.**

If your name has changed since you received your examination notice, you must bring legal documentation showing your previous name and current name (i.e. divorce decree, court order, marriage license, or notarized affidavit).

After establishing positive identification, you will be escorted to a computer station to begin. Prior to the beginning of the test, you will fill out a series of screens which will gather basic information about yourself (name, address, SSN, etc.). The system then compares this information to the registration record as a second quality assurance measure. After these screens, a practice test is presented, which trains you on how to use the computer mouse or keyboard to take the test. Additionally, the proctor is trained to assist you if you have any questions about how to use the system. The system is extremely user friendly and can be completely operated with a few keys or a mouse. After the practice test, which is untimed, you will be asked if you wish to begin the test. If yes, the clock begins and the first question appears. The screen will continuously show how much time has elapsed. You will have the option to "tag" questions for review later. At any time, you can list the questions that have been tagged and review them, change the answers, etc. The test ends when 4 hours has elapsed (after a 10 minute and 5 minute warning), or when you ask the computer to end the test. The system will then ask you to fill out a short questionnaire about your experience at the test center (the proctor's behavior, level of service, ease of use, etc.).

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PROGRAM

Successful candidates will receive a certificate attesting to the attainment of certification and will be able to use the designation earned (CARN or CARN-AP) to indicate certification status. Certification is awarded for a period of four (4) years, contingent upon maintenance of full and unrestricted license as an RN.

The certified nurse will be able to renew certification status by:

- a. Meeting stated eligibility requirements for certification.
- b. Submitting completed application form for recertification and payment of all applicable fees.
- c. Meeting ONE of the following requirements:
 - 1) Successfully passing the certification examination.
 - 2) Meeting stated requirements for recertification.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify ANCB of any address changes so that renewal notices are sent to the correct address and to contact ANCB if the renewal notice is not received. Failure to receive the renewal notice does not relieve the CARN of the responsibility to apply for certification renewal. Questions related to the certification program, including questions about recertification procedures, should be directed to ANCB at the following address:

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Addictions Nurses Certification Board
P.O. Box 14846
Lenexa, KS 66285-4846
VOICE: (877) 646-8672
FAX: (913) 895-4652

Address Mailing Label

ANCB Certification Program
c/o Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc.
2494 Bayshore Boulevard, Suite 201
Dunedin, FL 34698

Checklist for CARN Application

- Completed application form (Printed with black ink or typed).
- Evidence of current RN licensure (Clear photocopy of current RN license or copy of verification from Board of Nursing website showing expiration date).
- Evidence of 4000 hours (2 years) of addictions nursing practice in the past three (3) years. (Signed Verification of Experience in Nursing Related to Addictions Form/s).
- Fee for the certification examination: A money order or check **payable to International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)**.^{*} Please note 'CARN examination' in the memo section of the check.

^{*}Note: IntNSA is a nonprofit corporation and the parent organization of the ANCB.

- \$275.00 – Non-IntNSA Member
- \$175.00 – IntNSA Member
- \$25.00 – Late Fee, if applicable

Checklist for CARN-AP Application

- Completed application form (Printed with black ink or typed).
- Evidence of current RN licensure (Clear photocopy of current RN license or copy of verification from Board of Nursing website showing expiration date).
- Evidence of earned master's degree in nursing (Copy of transcript from the master's program indicating that the degree is in nursing.)
- Evidence of 500 hours of supervised direct patient/client contact in advanced clinical practice related to addictions.
 - Verification form signed by a faculty preceptor to verify the hours of supervised clinical practice included in the master's program, OR
 - Copy of transcript from the master's program verifying the hours of supervised clinical practice.
- Fee for the certification examination: A money order or check **payable to International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA).*** Please note 'CARN-AP examination' in the memo section of the check.

*Note: IntNSA is a nonprofit corporation and the parent organization of the ANCB.

- \$375.00 – Non-IntNSA Member
- \$275.00 – IntNSA Member
- \$25.00 – Late Fee, if applicable

APPLICATION FORM FOR CARN AND CARN-AP

Please print legibly or type all information requested.

Check examination requested:

Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN)

Certified Addictions Registered Nurse – Advanced Practice (CARN-AP)

Check examination date requested: (**Note: Application windows are specified for each examination period.**)

May 1 to 15 (Apply after October 15 and before April

1) Application deadline is April 1.

Applications received by April 8 will be accepted with a \$25 late fee.

October 1 to 15 (Apply after May 15 and before September 1)

Application deadline is September 1.

Applications received by September 8 will be accepted with a \$25 late fee.

Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Certification. The occurrence of any of the following actions will result in the denial, suspension, or revocation of Addictions Nursing Certification:

(1) falsification of the CARN application; (2) falsification of any material information requested by the ANCB; (3) any restrictions such as revocation, suspension, probation, or other sanctions of professional RN license by nursing authority; (4) misrepresentation of CARN status; (5) cheating on the CARN examination.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby attest that I have read and understand the Addictions Nursing Certification Board's policy on Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Certification and that its terms shall be binding on all applicants for certification and all certified addictions nurses for the duration of their certification. I hereby apply for certification offered by the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB). I understand that certification depends upon successful completion of the specified requirements. I further understand that the information accrued in the certification process may be used for statistical purposes and for evaluation of the certification program. I further understand that the information from my certification records shall be held in confidence and shall not be used for any other purpose without my permission. I attest by my signature that I meet all eligibility requirements for certification, in effect for the current year in which this application is submitted. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, complete, correct, and is made in good faith. I understand that the ANCB reserves the right to verify any or all information on this application.

Legal Signature

Date

**DATA FORM FOR CARN AND CARN-AP
EXAMINATION APPLICATION**

Please complete the following items to provide important research data to the Addictions Nursing Certification Board. The information will be handled anonymously and will be used only for research to assist in the assessment of test validity.

1. Gender:

Male

Female

2. Ethnic Category (Check One):

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

3. Racial Category:

American Indian/Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific

Islander Black or African American

White

4. Years of experience as an RN: _____

5. Years of experience as an RN in addictions nursing: _____

6. Mark the appropriate practice setting:

General Hospital

Addictions specialty hospital/unit

Educational Institution

Private Practice

Free-standing Facility

Detoxification Unit

Substitution Clinic (e.g., Methadone Maintenance Clinic)

Community Agency

State/Federal Agency

Other (specify) _____

Not currently employed

7. Which of the following describes the ages of most of your clients? (Select all that apply.)

Newborns

Infants/Children

Adolescents (age 12-

21) Adults (age 22-65)

Older Adults (age 65 and above)

8. What hours do you usually work?

Days
Evenings
Nights
Other (specify) _____

9. How many years have you been working in your current position?

Less than one year
1 to 3 years
4 to 6 years
7 to 10 years
More than 10 years

10. How did you hear about the certification examination?

Nursing journal (specify) _____
International Nurses Society on Addictions
Newsletter World Wide Web
 <http://www.intnsa.org>

 <http://www.smttest.com>
 Other (specify) _____
Employer
Nursing colleague
Marketing literature on certification
Other (specify) _____

11. Are you currently certified in any other specialty?

No
Yes (specify) _____

12. Please indicate current professional membership(s):

International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)
State Nurses Association (specify state) _____
National League of Nursing
Sigma Theta Tau International
Other (specify) _____

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**VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE IN NURSING RELATED TO ADDICTIONS
FOR CARN**

_____ is applying to take the Addictions Nursing Certification Examination (CARN examination) sponsored by the Addictions Nursing Certification Board. As part of the application process, the applicant must provide verification of a minimum of 4000 hours (2 years) of nursing experience related to addictions, within the three years prior to the application, as a Registered Nurse in a staff, administrative, teaching, consultation, private practice, counseling or research capacity.

This form is to be completed by the applicant’s supervisor(s) who should complete and sign the form and return it to the applicant. All application materials, including supervisor verification form(s), should be sent with the application.

_____ has had experience in nursing related to addictions

Applicant’s name

in the following capacity: _____

Dates of experience: From _____ to _____
Month Year Month Year

Practice Setting: _____

_____ City State Zip

I further attest that _____
Applicant’s Name

is currently licensed as a registered nurse in the state of _____.

Supervisor’s signature Date

Note: Please photocopy this form if additional forms are needed for verification by more than one supervisor.

**VERIFICATION OF SUPERVISED ADVANCED-PRACTICE NURSING
EXPERIENCE RELATED TO ADDICTIONS
FOR CARN-AP**

_____ is applying to take the Addictions Nursing Certification Examination for Advanced Practice sponsored by the Addictions Nursing Certification Board. As part of the application process, the candidate must provide verification of a minimum of 500 hours of supervised direct patient/client contact in advanced clinical practice related to addictions. If the master’s program does not include at least 500 hours of supervised clinical practice, the difference in hours must be completed after the master’s degree is conferred, before the candidate can be deemed eligible to sit for the exam.

This form is to be completed by the applicant’s supervisor(s) who should complete and sign the form and return it to the candidate. All application materials, including supervisor verification form(s) should be sent with the application.

_____ has had _____ hours of supervised direct
patient/client Applicant’s Name
contact in advanced clinical practice in the area of addictions/psychiatric/mental health nursing
_____ during the master’s program _____ following completion of the master’s program.

Dates of experience: From _____ to _____
Month Year Month Year

Practice Setting: _____

_____ City State Zip

Please indicate the type of supervision provided: _____

Supervisor’s signature Date

Note: Please photocopy this form if additional forms are needed for verification by more than one supervisor.