



Occupational Health Nursing Case Management Exam: COHN/CM, COHN-S/CM

What is the Case Management Credential?

As the sole certifying body for Occupational Health Nurses in the United States, the American Board for Occupational Nurses (ABOHN) is proud to offer the sub-specialty credential in Case Management (COHN/CM and COHN-S/CM).

Why Become a Certified Case Manager?

As a Certified Occupational Health Nurse, you probably already do case management. Today's occupational health nurses have a comprehensive role in managing individual cases and work to benefit both employee and employer.

You are a case manager every time you:

- **Assure an employee receives the best care**
- **Assure an employee receives the best price**
- **Use your skills in disability prevention**
- **Negotiate a safe, medically appropriate return to work**

From acting as the liaison between provider and employer, to coordinating with attorneys and insurance companies, the challenges of case management are ones you face every day. Yet often this expertise goes unrecognized. Certification is documented proof of your skill. It demonstrates your commitment to continuing education and professional growth – so necessary to keep pace with the changing healthcare industry. Recognized by employers and peers as a prestigious achievement, it can lead to salary and position advancement and foster more respect in the workplace.

How Do I Become a Certified Case Manager?

Certification is more than a test – it is a process. The resulting benefits more than compensate for the time and financial investment. Certification is verifiable proof of proficiency in case management duties in a wide variety of settings. This is a significant factor because in today's workplace nurses must have transferable skills to compete for the best jobs.

The Case Management credential requires that the registered nurse hold either a COHN or COHN-S and have documented case management continuing education in the most recent five years.

Virtually all candidates who have taken the ABOHN Case Management test report is a good representation of the case management role and truly reflects the unique contribution an occupational health nurse makes in the workplace environment.

Certified Occupational Health Nurses manage the current case and help prevent the next one!



What are the Certification Exams like?

- All ABOHN certification examination questions are written by Occupational Health Nurses currently practicing in a variety of settings and industries. The questions are edited many times to ensure they are accurate, current and important to practice.
- The Case Management examination contains 110 questions. 100 questions are scored items and 10 questions are pre-test items (not scored). The testing time allotted is 2 hours.
- The blueprints and core content of ABOHN examinations are based on the scientific study of Occupational Health Nursing and Safety practice analysis. The most recent practice analysis was conducted in 2018 and the results can be found on the ABOHN website: www.abohn.org.
- ABOHN examinations are given at testing sites across the country and internationally. For information about application, exam and locations, please go to www.abohn.org or call the ABOHN office.

Discover the career opportunities and self-esteem certification can bring.

How do I prepare for a Certification Exam?

Successful candidates for ABOHN examinations prepare in many different ways. The most important aspect is to study the “right” material! **Each exam handbook** contains the test blueprint and core content for each exam. The test blueprint provides the percentage of questions from each area used to construct the exam. Candidates should conduct a “self-assessment” to identify study areas which are the most and least familiar.

The exam handbooks also contains the reference material; books, articles and web sites used to construct each exam. These materials should be used in preparing for the exam.

Many candidates have found that having a “study buddy” or studying in a group is helpful.

Certification Self-Assessment Tests (CSAT’s) are offered as a review of how exam questions are written and the rationale for each correct response.

Several organizations and educational institutions offer courses and material to help in preparing for the exam. More information is available on the ABOHN website at www.abohn.org.

How do I get started?

1. **Determine if you are eligible**
2. **Print off the examination handbook**
3. **Review the examination test blueprint**
4. **Complete and submit the application**
5. **Obtain relevant study materials**
6. **Find a “study buddy” or group**
7. **Study and take the exam**

Once certified, you are required to maintain your certification with ABOHN.

The Case Management (CM) credential is timed to coincide with your core credential (COHN or COHN-S).

Annual Renewal: Due by your due date each year. The Renewal process requires a short form to capture updates to your home, employment and contact information along with an annual fee.

Recertification: Due every fifth year. In addition to the information captured during the annual renewal and the annual fee, the Recertification process also requires proof of occupational health-related employment and contact hours achieved over the previous five years.

You can find the latest requirements on the ABOHN website under the Maintenance tab.

Who is ABOHN?

ABOHN is the only certifying body for Occupational Health Nurses in the United States. Founded in 1972, ABOHN has certified Occupational Health Nurses since that time.



The ABOHN certification examinations have met and maintain the very rigorous standards required for accreditation by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE).

How does ABOHN operate?

ABOHN is a separate and independent credentialing organization that uses the standards of practice established by the membership organizations in Occupational Health Nursing and Safety as a basis for testing competency in practice.

ABOHN programs are managed by an Executive Director and staff, and are governed by a board of practicing Certified Occupational Health Nurses and a public member to ensure that the interests of the public are always considered.

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