



Employer Information about Certified Occupational Health Nurses

Protecting employee health and safety — and the employer's bottom line



Certified Occupational Health Nurses: Managing your employee health risk

Whether you're running a family-owned business or a Fortune 500 company, controlling the cost of healthcare is a fact of corporate life. The Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN or COHN-S) can be your advocate in an often difficult-to-navigate healthcare system. More than a clinician, today's Certified Occupational Health Nurse has safety and health expertise and understands the inner workings of the healthcare system to make it work on your behalf.

Saving money...and saving lives

The Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN or COHN-S) can save you money every step of the way, protect the health and safety of your employees and work to prevent future injuries and illness. The Board Certified Occupational Health Nurse acts as the liaison between you and the healthcare system.

What can a Certified Occupational Health Nurse do for you?

- *Keep your employees well and working*
- *Assess jobs and tasks to identify hazards*
- *Reduce absenteeism*
- *Promote early, safe return to work*
- *Ensure compliance in OSHA, FMLA, ADA/ADAAA, DOT and HIPAA, etc.*
- *Disaster, emergency, and pandemic preparedness management*
- *Promote a safe workplace*
- *Reduce on-the-job injuries and illnesses*
- *Lower healthcare expenditures*
- *Promote your company's "quality" image*

Why is certification essential?

Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing is a specialty practice applying health and safety expertise in collaboration with business strategies for a safe and healthy workforce and environment.

- The Occupational Health Nurse brings a unique perspective to management and clinical roles, acting as an employee advocate while balancing the needs of the organization.
- Employers and peers recognize certification in occupational health nursing as a prestigious achievement.
- Certified Occupational Health Nurses have passed a challenging national examination designed to test for advanced knowledge in emergency preparedness, crisis intervention, health promotion and risk reduction, legal and regulatory compliance, workplace hazards, clinical care, management, employee education, case management and safety.
- Certification also demonstrates that the Occupational Health Nurse is committed to competency, education and growth — all necessary to keep pace with the changing healthcare industry.

Important facts for employers about certification

- Certification is more than a test – it is a process
- Candidates must successfully complete a competitive national examination for Board Certification
- Recertification is required every five years to ensure the health professional's continuing expertise
- Criteria for recertification are stringent to ensure that ABOHN Certified Occupational Health Nurses can meet your needs today, tomorrow and beyond
- The American Board for Occupational Health Nurses offers the following credentials:

Certified Occupational Health Nurse

– The COHN practice is clinical focused

Certified Occupational Health Nurse–Specialist

– The COHN-S practice is management focused

Certified Occupational Health Nurse/Case Manager

– The COHN/CM practice has a clinical focus with additional Case Management expertise

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Who Is ABOHN?

ABOHN — Certifying the finest professionals since 1972

The American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (ABOHN) was established in 1972 to provide certification programs for Occupational Health Nurses.

ABOHN is the sole certifying body for Occupational Health Nurses in the United States. Approximately 18,000 Occupational Health Nurses have been certified by ABOHN.

ABOHN is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) – proof that our program meets high national standards for quality. When you hire an ABOHN Certified OHN, you are hiring a health and safety professional who is highly qualified to utilize field-tested expertise and the latest knowledge on your behalf.



Searching for a Certified Occupational Health Nurse in your area? Contact us today!

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