



HISTORY OF CNL CERTIFICATION

April 2012

The revised multiple choice CNL certification exam based upon the CNL job analysis study launched.

January 2012

CNC in conjunction with the Clinical Nurse Leader Association offered the first CNL Research Symposium.

October 2011

AACN website updated to include all CNL certification and role implementation resources on www.aacn.nche.edu/CNL.

September 2011

The CNL Community, an online discussion board for CNL students, CNL graduates, and practicing CNLs, is launched and hosted by CNC and AACN.

August 2011

The CNL job analysis study is completed by Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc. and CNC's Job Analysis Committee.

April 2011

CNC's new testing vendor, Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc., administers certification exam.

December 2010

CNC launches online discussion board for CNL faculty and education partners on www.nurseslounge.com.

December 2009

CNC launched the CNL Wall of Fame.
CNC launched the CNL Job Bank.

September 2009

CNC launched the CNL Self-Assessment Exam.

May 2009

CNC adopted first strategic plan (FY2010-2013).

January 2009

Recertification guidelines and application made available online.

December 2008

New certification exam administered.

October 2008

CNC Board of Commissioners agreed to extend faculty eligibility waiver to December 31, 2012.

May 2008

CNL Directory made available online.

March 2008

AACN Board of Directors approved Memorandum of Understanding with CNC.

January 2008

CNC Board of Commissioners adopted CNC Bylaws.

Online application launched.

CNL lapel pin available (other merchandise followed to create an online store).

CNL certification presence established on AACN website – www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC.

December 2007

Eligibility waiver for individuals functioning in CNL role expired; waiver for faculty continued.

October 2007

AACN Board of Directors approved changing CNL Certification Advisory Board to CNC and CNC Board of Commissioners.

First CNC Board of Commissioners' officers elected.

CNC Board of Commissioners approved and adopted CNL Standards of Conduct.

First issue of *The CNL Bulletin*, an online newsletter of the AACN and CNC.

CNC logo approved by CNC Board of Commissioners.

September 2007

First meeting of CNL Certification Advisory Board (via conference call).

CNL Certification Advisory Board approved of the name change to Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC) and representatives serving as Board of Commissioners.

AACN and CNC adopted CNL logo.

August 2007

"CNL" became a registered trademark of AACN.

July 2007

AACN Board of Directors approved CNL Certification Advisory Board composition and first appointments.

AACN's Board of Directors approved the revised white paper on *The Education and Role of the Clinical Nurse Leader*.

May 2007

Tracy Lofty, MSA, CAE hired as Certification Director.

April 2007

CNL Certification Exam officially launched.

March 2007

AACN appointed CNL Steering Committee charged with advancing the CNL role and measuring the CNL's impact on patient care outcomes.

November 2006/January 2007

Certification exam was piloted. The pilot CNL Certification Examination was administered between November 27, 2006 and January 17, 2007. One hundred twenty-three individuals at twelve schools sat for the examination.

Passing cut score adjusted by Exam Committee in conjunction with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. based upon the pilot exam scores.

November 2006

AACN launched online CNL discussions groups for CNL partners and for CNL students.

August 2006

Exam Committee rated items using Angoff technique in collaboration with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc.

June 2006

AACN contracted with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. for test development, effective April 2006.

March 2006

AACN Board of Directors approved initial budget for development of a computer-based exam.

June 2004

AACN's ITF sponsored CNL Implementation Conference for nurse educators and practice partners committed to advancing the CNL initiative. At this meeting, education-practice models and curriculum were discussed and finalized and an implementation timeline was developed. Representatives from 79 schools of nursing and 136 practice organizations participated.

March 2004

AACN sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to all AACN member schools to commit to the CNL initiative by developing a master's-level CNL curriculum.

January 2004

AACN's Implementation Task Force (ITF) is appointed to oversee development of CNL role.

Special meeting of AACN Board of Directors was conducted. Motions passed by AACN Board of Directors included:

- AACN Board of Directors accepting the draft white paper on *The Role of the Clinical Nurse Leader*, May 2003
- AACN continuing to provide leadership and invest resources in the creation and evaluation of a new model, or models, or nursing practice and nursing education at the master's degree in nursing level that results in a new nursing professional (CNL).
- The model(s) to be created and evaluated will result in a new nurse professional for advanced generalist practice, as described in the CNL paper, who is prepared at the master's level
- The AACN Board approving models as a starting point for model development
- AACN assuming leadership and engaging appropriate stakeholders to ensure development of a new legal scope of practice and credential for the new nurse professional as described in the CNL working paper.

October 2003

Representatives from education and practice met to discuss the new nurse role's impact on care delivery models and educational programs. The meeting was held prior to AACN's Fall Semiannual Meeting.

July 2002

AACN's Board of Directors created TFERII to identify competencies needed to improve patient care outcomes.

1999

AACN's Board of Directors formed the Task Force on Education and Regulation for Professional Nursing Practice (TFER). TFER identified the need for a new nurse role.