

Important Information Regarding CNN and CDN Examination Changes

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You spoke, we listened!

In response to the 2024 practice analysis, the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC) is excited to announce upcoming changes to the Certified Dialysis Nurses (CDN) and Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN) programs effective **Summer 2026**.

Based on findings from our recent national RN survey, the current programs do not fully reflect the current nephrology nursing practice and must be updated. Both the CDN and the CNN exams are nationally accredited by **the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC)**. ABSNC standards require that the certification examinations align with the national practice analysis data. Thus, these changes are **data-driven** and **evidence-based**.

Changes will be made over the next several months. **Current exam applications will be available through May 31, 2026.**

A live webinar will be presented by NNCC and C-NET to discuss these program changes and answer your questions. Please use the following link to register for the webinar: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b4bdbcce-5896-494b-93c6-d571983eeb6a@92e90195-ea88-4986-ab8b-91bb944a470d>

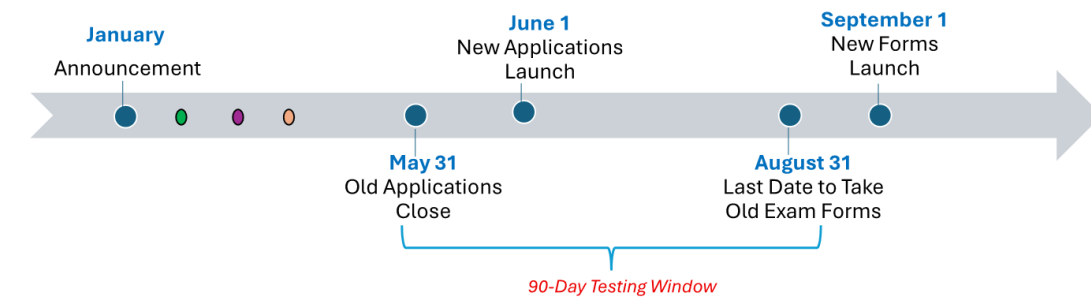
You may submit questions in advance to be addressed during the webinar here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNN_CDN_Questions

You may also ask a question regarding these changes by email to questions@nncc-exam.org

Continue to follow NNCC on the [NNCC website](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#) for information as it becomes available.

Please note: Current CDN and CNN certificants will not be affected by these changes.

CDN/CNN Programs: Project Timeline for Updates and Changes



- February 19**: Live Open Webinar
- April 24-28**: ANNA conference (Visit our booth for handouts & discussion)
- May 6-10**: NKF Conference (Visit our booth for handouts & discussion)