

What it means to me to be a certified nurse...

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Beki Kazanofksi (CNOR, NE-BC): *Being certified means I have been recognized for my dedication to the field of nursing in my specialty. It is an achievement I am very proud of.*

Jenny Campbell (NEA-BC): *I proudly wear my credentials in support of the nursing profession and the commitment that certified nurses have made to impact the population. I trust that my patients see my credentials and are assured by them that "I know what I'm doing!"*

Elyse Stompanato (PCCN): *It means leading by example, teamwork and knowledge in your area.*

Kimberly Burkeen (NE-BC): *Earning my Nurse Executive Basic Certification is a personal achievement that has instilled a sense of accomplishment in my professional nursing career. As a show of solidarity, I aim to be the encourager for my nursing colleagues to seek certification as well.*

Janet Murrian (OCN): *My certification reminds me that I am well qualified to take care of my patients. It lets my patients know that I care enough about them to give them the best care possible.*

Amy Cadoret (AMB-BC): *Being an ambulatory certified nurse means that those I serve can feel confident that I am competent in the ambulatory environment and will lead the team in the best direction.*

Jimmy Closser (CEN): *Being certified just isn't about additional street cred. It's about pushing yourself to learn, thus providing better patient care.*

Ashley Jeffrey (TCRN and SANE-A): *To me, being a certified nurse means I am an expert in my chosen field. It is a way that I can show that I am passionate and knowledgeable about that area of nursing.*

Danielle Brouillard (OCN): *I am proud to be a certified oncology nurse. It enhances my education, delivery of care, and quality of services to my patients. It also enables me to continually provide care within up-to-date evidence-based guidelines. It's the best decision I have made for myself and my patients.*

Wendy Lloyd (CCRP): *I feel more knowledgeable regarding research by having my Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) not only because of the required exam but the continuing education required to ensure I stay updated on the many changes in research. I also appreciate others who obtain certification which signifies excellence in research that benefits the person professionally, the department, the institution and the public.*

Meredith Nolan (CEN): *Having a certification shows the community that I have gained expertise in a specific area of nursing. It also emphasizes the RNs duty to always further education and be a life-long learner.*

Tom Conner (CCRN): *CCRN is an accomplishment of passing a hard exam. Experience with CCRN provides confidence and validation for patients.*

Lisa Long (CCTC): *It means I take pride in my role as a Coordinator. I've gone beyond the requirements to provide our patients with exemplary care they all deserve.*

Michele Hasselblad (NE-BC): *Certification represents to me a commitment to my specialty and a validation of my knowledge base.*

LeaRae Herron-Rice (CMPE): *Being certified makes me feel proud that I was able to learn new skills and increase my knowledge in my specific field of expertise.*

Emily McBride (NE-BC): *I was SUPER proud to obtain the NE-BC certification! Becoming and maintaining certification has motivated me to stay current with the latest best practices and trends.*

Jenna Beamer (NPD-BC): *Being a certified nurse to me means that I'm ensuring that I'm practicing in my field to the top of my ability. I'm ensuring that I'm following best practices and working towards something bigger than just my department.*

Elizabeth Vorholt (TCRN): *Being a certified nurse symbolizes my dedication to providing the very best care for my patients, through a commitment to continuous education and a foundation of evidence-based care.*

Karen Gore (RN-BC): *Being certified in Ambulatory Nursing means that I wanted to learn more, to enhance my ability to provide quality care to patients, and serve as a role model to other nurses which I have been able to do.*

Sheri Spears (OCN): *I have had my OCN since 2000 and seen so many changes in oncology. Being certified pushes me to keep up-to-date in the oncology field. When patients ask me what OCN means when they see it on my badge, I tell them that I'm seen as an expert in the oncology field.*

Brigitte Williams (OCN): *Being an OCN nurse gives me great pride knowing I am equipped with great knowledge and skills to take care of my patients with oncologic diagnoses. It also gives my patients peace of mind knowing that their nurse is a good resource of knowledge and can address most of their questions and needs.*

Marcee Lupica (NEA-BC): *Nursing certification is a professional recognition for knowledge and skill. It is an extra step towards investing in myself and those I serve.*

Jocelyn Hilary Roberts (OCN): *To provide knowledge and understanding to patients as well as share in their cancer treatment journey. So that every patient knows they have support and someone in their corner at all times.*

James Barnett (CNML): *I have obtained two certifications during my nursing career. The first was my CNRN and the second was in leadership and nursing management. Receiving these helped me to feel accomplished and validated in my clinical and professional knowledge. This afforded me the confidence to pursue opportunities and step into new roles.*

Sherry Adcock (MSCN): *Being a certified nurse in Multiple Sclerosis lets my patients know that I cared enough to make them and their disease state my priority. I feel it is my job to empower the patients with my knowledge and expertise.*

Leslie Mader (OCN): *To increase education in current trends to provide the best care to cancer patients.*

Valerie Weaver (GPN and CPHON): *I believe that being a certified nurse is an indication of our passion for providing excellent patient care. It is a reflection of the knowledge we have learned not only in school but from our amazing team of doctors and nurses as well.*

Julie Barnes (WHNP and ANP): *I was called to nursing at age 39, and the role of being a certified nurse has been my honor and pleasure. Serving others through nursing has brought enormous educational experiences along with a heartfelt joy I could not have imagined.*

Beth Sparks (CNML): *Becoming a certified nurse leader was the next step in professional growth for me. Additionally, my hope was to set an example for the nurses on my team who I wanted to inspire to obtain certification as well.*

Charlotte Chavous (RN-BC, CSFA, and CST): *Being a certified nurse means I am pushing myself to continually learn new evidenced-based care and provide the best care possible for the patients entrusted into my care.*

Celeste Loucks (PMH-BC): *It means I have accomplished a huge goal of mine.*

"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

