What Is the Case Manager Credential?

As the sole certifying body for Occupational Health Nurses in the United States, the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN) is proud to offer the sub-specialty credential in Case Management (COHN/CM and COHN-S/CM), as well as its other credentials: Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN), and Certified Occupational Health Nurse-Specialist (COHN-S).

How Do I Maintain Active Status Once Certified?

To maintain the Occupational Health Nursing Case Management credential, recertification is required every five years and is timed to coincide with your base credential. For Case Management recertification, the requirements are:

- an additional ten contact hours of case management continuing education, plus
- a yearly fee for renewal
(see www.abohn.org for additional information)

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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.

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

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 current eligibility requirements are listed on the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses website at www.abohn.org under Certification, in the Case Management Handbook.

Several organizations and educational institutions have developed courses and materials to help individuals achieve certification. The Board makes a listing of these continuing education programs available to qualified candidates. Additional information is detailed in the Candidate Handbook.

About the ABOHN Case Management Exam

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

Here are some comments from certified Occupational Health Nurses who have achieved Case Management Certification through ABOHN:

"Excellent comprehensive exam. Covered all content areas with very relevant, comprehensive questions. Very good questions on the costs and legal issues...."

"I found the test very representative of OH case management as I deal with it in a manufacturing setting."

"This is a needed certification for recognition of occupational health professionals. Thank you."

The exam must be completed within 2 hours.