



LPNABC and CGNA is pleased to announce the Canadian Nursing Association 1st LPN Certification Examination.

LPNABC has been a strong advocate for Licensed Practical Nurses to be included in specialty areas. CNA has just launched LPN Gerontology Certification recognizing this specialty area. Upon successful completion of the exam you will have credentials and a special CNA pin commemorating your LPN specialty.

We are excited to be partners in the development of the first LPN Certification in Gerontology Exam. LPNABC members attended meetings in Ottawa at the headquarters of Yardstick Assessment to develop the blueprint, exam questions and evaluation of the exam that was completed in May 2019.

LPNABC is also pleased to partner with the Gerontology Nurses Association of BC (GNABC) to bring you the opportunity to join this specialty group and receive the following benefits:

- get a 20% discount on registration (please get discount code)
- have access to study groups
- educational seminars as well as webinars to help support you in preparing for the exam
- ongoing educational session in your specialty
- discount on CGNA annual conferences, and more!

Joining this specialty group will enhance your practice in gerontology throughout the year with newsletters, educational opportunities in your local area and annual conferences.

If you are already a member of GNABC, you are ready to register for the CNA Certification, you only have to register for **an association of your choice!**

If you have any questions about the process below please contact: info@lpnabc.ca

Registration is now open as a member of CGNA through CNA

What is certification?

CNA certification is a nationally recognized nursing specialty credential for nurses. We offer [22 nursing practice specialties](#) for registered nurses and, in 2019, we're pleased to introduce our **first certification for licensed/registered practical nurses!**

To become certified, you must pass a rigorous computer-based exam. There are two exam windows annually (see [important dates](#)). Your exam preparation will be unique, depending on what you already know in your specialty.

If you become certified, your credential will be valid for a five-year term. At the end of five years, you can [renew](#) by submitting a record of continuous learning hours or rewriting the exam.



New exams in 2019

In November, we will offer an exam in **gerontological** nursing to licensed/registered practical nurses. Application is open **June 27-September 30** to write an exam in the November 1-15 exam window.

CGNA (Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association), GNABC (Gerontological Nursing Association of BC), LPNABC (Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC) and CNA (Canadian Nursing Association) offer exam preparation, as your [nursing specialty associations](#). Please login to the websites to find links to your local area exam preparation support groups.

Application Process

We strive to make the process of applying for CNA certification as intuitive as possible. This page contains important details about what to expect before, during and after you apply.

If you are member of CGNA, you will receive 20% off on your exam fee application. Please contact [CGNA](#) to receive the voucher code once the membership is confirmed. That voucher code is needed at application time.

Here is the direct link to access the application process once you have the discount voucher from CGNA for more information: <https://cna-aiic.ca/certification/get-certified/application-process>

Association Fee(s)	CNA membership fee	GNABC/CGNA ¹ membership fee	LPNABC
Annual Membership	\$60.60	\$65.00	Free
Discount % Certification	25%	20%	

CNA LPN Gerontology Certification	CNA member	CGNA member	Non-member
Exam fee	\$570	\$605	\$756
Pearson VUE test centre fee	\$105	\$105	\$105

¹ Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association – BC membership to GNABC



Funding Opportunities:

[Fraser Health Professional Development Program \(Nursing & Allied\)](#)

The Fraser Health Professional Development Program (PDP) is part of a retention and recruitment strategy for Nursing and Allied Health Professionals.

PDP provides funding for professional development, certification and designation to enhance the professional practice of our staff and ensure that our clients, patients and families are receiving excellent evidence based care.

[National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation](#) Financial assistance is available to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis post-secondary students across Canada in Health sciences

[Saint Mary's Health Foundation](#) Individuals employed in in health care are invited to apply for educational assistance from this fund which was endowed in memory of Florence L. Cotton. The purpose of the fund is to provide for further education of nursing or technical staff already employed in health care in order to upgrade and enhance their skills thus encouraging these individuals to remain in health care as a long term career.

BCNU Education Funding

Up to \$3000 available from the BCNU Member's Education Bursary. [Click Here for Details](#) on this and other funding available to BCNU members. Two deadlines annually: **September 15th and April 15th**

Vancouver Coastal Bursaries and Funding: <http://vchclinicaleducation.ca/bursaries-and-scholarships/>

In addition, there may be other sources of funding. Please contact your local health authority for details.