

## Procedure

1. Individuals who practice as dietitians in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a registered dietitian with CDR or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a registered dietitian registered with CDR in the United States. The CDR has reciprocity with several foreign dietetic associations and regulatory boards to establish eligibility to sit for the registration examination for dietitians. Individuals who are deemed eligible by CDR to sit for the registration examination for dietitians and who successfully pass the examination are eligible to sit for the CNSC examination upon provision of documentation of registration status.
2. Individuals who practice as nurses in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a registered nurse and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a registered nurse licensed to practice in the United States.
3. Individuals who practice as physicians in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice in the United States.
4. Individuals who practice as pharmacists in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a pharmacist registered/licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a pharmacist registered/licensed to practice in the United States.
5. Individuals who practice as physician assistants in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a physician assistant and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a physician assistant licensed to practice in the United States.

6. The cost of the evaluation of education and credentials is the responsibility of the individual and is separate from any fee that may be charged to sit for the certification examination. Approximate cost for evaluation is \$100.00, but may vary from one agency to another.
  
7. Once an individual's education and credentials have been evaluated as being equal to that in the United States, the individual may submit an application to sit for the CNSC examination. Documentation of credential evaluation must be submitted with the examination application.
  
8. The NBNSC will work with their testing company PTC for administration of the examination to international candidates.
  
9. International individuals who have previously sat for and successfully passed the nutrition support certification examination will be eligible to retake the examination without providing the above mentioned documentation as long as there is no lapse in certification. Should a lapse in certification occur for any reason, then that individual must adhere to the above requirements.