

# Proposal for the Creation of the Certification for the European Specialist Nurse (CESN)

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### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of CGFNS International, Inc. (formerly known as the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) is to serve the global community through programs and services that verify and promote the knowledge-based practice competency of healthcare professionals.

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CGFNS team of experts, more than 200, are diverse, representing **29 countries** and speaking **41 languages**. CGFNS evaluators have more than **250 years of combined experience** and over **80% have earned a college degree**. This diverse and qualified workforce is the underpinning to our success.

CGFNS owns and maintains a state-of-the-art, one-of-a-kind **educational database** that incorporates nursing accreditation, education, regulation, licensure, professional and practice experience, and continuing professional development. These quantitative and qualitative data represents 44 years experience in serving healthcare professionals and conducting research and evaluation around the globe.

## CGFNS collaborations

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- Academic Institutions
- Certification Bodies
- Regulatory Authorities
- Employers
- Healthcare Systems
- Immigration Attorneys
- Healthcare Professions
- Staffing Firms
- Ministries of Health and Education

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YEARS

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**3,000,000**  
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

FROM  
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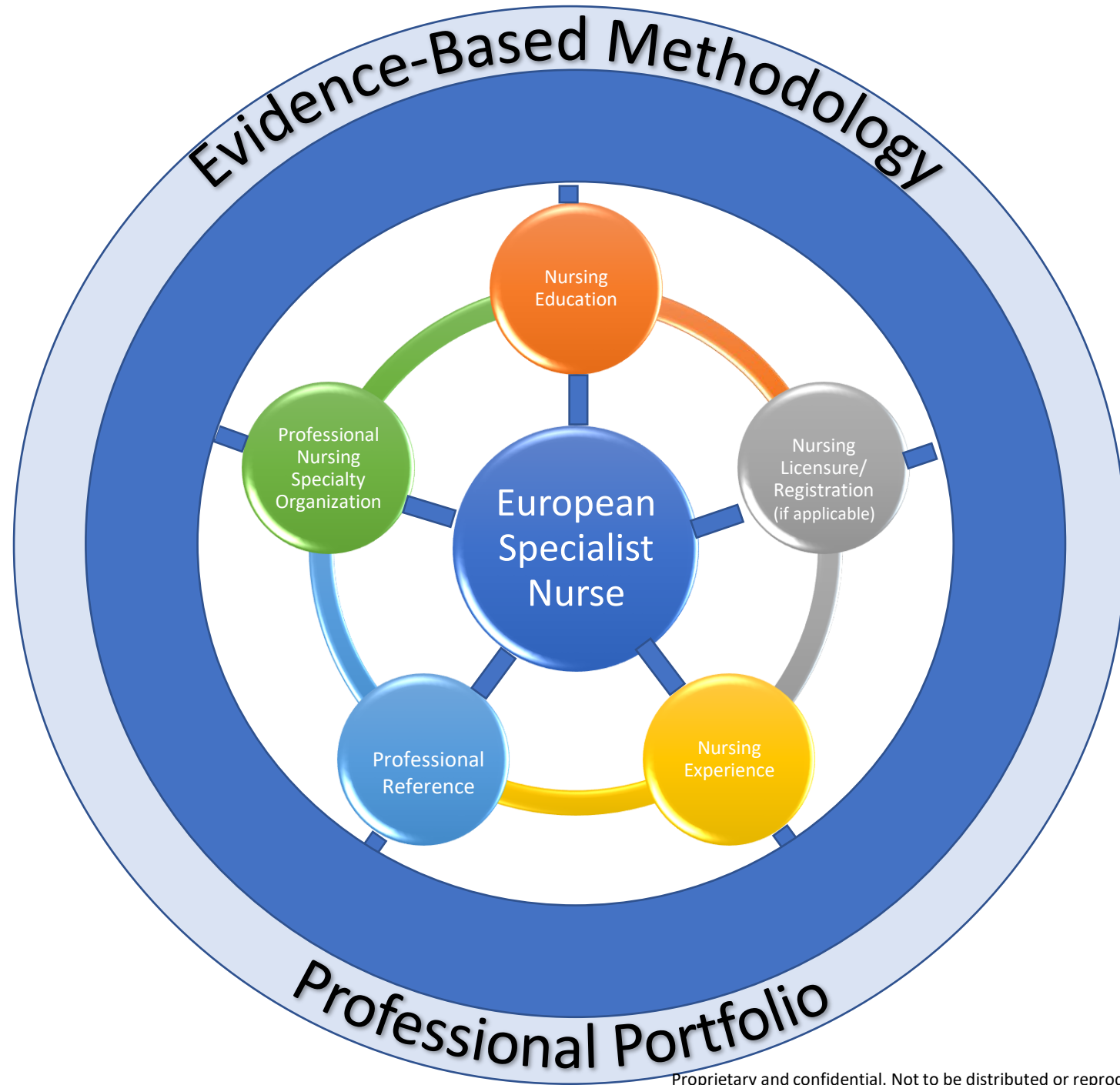
An Evidence-Based Methodology



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## Purpose of Certification

The purpose of awarding the European Specialist Nurse (CESN) credential is to recognize those who have acquired the education and training, skills, professional experience and practice as a Specialist Nurse at the European level.

The CESN certificate will be awarded to those who apply and successfully meet the qualifications framework criteria.

The focus and the outcome is:

- To provide **professional recognition** of the accomplishments of the European specialist nurses across their career life span
- To provide the employer and the public with evidence that **specialty nurses have attained a standardized higher level of competency.**
- To provide the specialist nurses with the impetus **for continual education and professional development.**

The Certification for the European Specialist Nurse (CESN) is an evidenced-based, portfolio assessment of education, credentials, specialized nursing experience, and skills. This assessment represents ESNO and CGFNS' official recognition of the individual's evidence supporting their recognition as a clinical expert and professional nurse in a specific specialty area. This certification will be transferable across the nurses' career span and serve as the foundation for future career advancement and possibly as an improvement of cross-border healthcare and professional mobility for nurses with post-graduate training qualifications.

Research shows that specialty certified nurses have better patient outcomes and increased patient safety (e.g., lower total patient fall rates, hospital-acquired infection rates, and hospital-acquired pressure injuries.)<sup>1</sup> The CESN proves, through evidence, that the individual is a nursing expert in his or her nursing field of specialization.



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# Who May be Certified

A nurse that has met all of the eligibility requirements as identified in the Certified European Specialist Nurse (CESN) framework and has submitted the evidence of achieving the requirements.

## CESN Qualifications Framework (Eligibility Requirements)

Candidates must provide evidence of successful completion of a basic education in nursing and a recognized program in a related specialty such as:

- Addictions Nursing
- Anesthetic Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Crohn's and Colitis Care Nursing and Ostomy Nursing
- Diabetic Care Nursing
- Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nursing
- Neuroscience Nursing
- Nursing Leadership and Administration
- Operating Room Nursing
- Renal Care/Dialysis and Transplant Nursing
- Respiratory Nursing
- Rheumatology nursing
- Urology Nurses
- Veterinary Nursing
- Wound Management Nursing
- Other specialties

# Eligibility Requirements

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At least two (2) year of nursing practice in the area of specialization with a minimum of 1,500 practice hours in a specialty area.

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Candidates must have an active and unrestricted nursing license or registration (if applicable) in the country of education or practice.

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Candidates must submit two professional references that certify the various competencies in the area of specialization

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Candidates must be an active member of professional organizations in the area of specialization.

# Certified European Specialist Nurse (CESN) Certificate *Example*





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