

BPN Certification Program

Tuesday or Wednesday March 13 - 14



The Breast Patient Navigator Certification has been developed to set standards of achievement and the professional's role, enhance patient safety, improve the quality of care and delivery of services, and recognize professionals who advance beyond basic knowledge in a field of specialty. The Breast Patient Navigator Certification validates the medical professional's knowledge and performance standards through testing. Certification reflects an individual's achievement beyond licensure requirements and a basic level of knowledge. It exhibits dedication to validating a specific set of skills to provide enhanced care and services for patients and clients through advanced competency.

Criteria for the application to test are listed below. The NCBC Breast Patient Navigation Certification Program offers six types of Breast Patient Navigator Certifications: The Certified Navigator – Breast in Imaging, Management, Advocate, Clinical, Provider, or Nurse.

CERTIFIED NAVIGATORS – BREAST (+ individual designation based on licensure)

CN-BI = Diagnostic Imaging/Treatment Techs (All technologists from diagnostics to treatments)

CN-BM = Management/Social Worker (All social workers and managers of navigators)

CN-BA = Advocate (All volunteers/lay navigators)

CN-BC = Clinical (All certified medical assistants, technicians, licensed practical/vocational nurses)

CN-BP = Provider (All breast care diagnosticians, nurse practitioners, physicians, physician assts, breast care PhDs)

CN-BN = RN (All registered nurses from breast care, diagnostic imaging, treatment, survivorship, genetics)

Certification Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must:

- Be a licensed medical professional and hold a valid medical license as a physician, nurse, physician assistant, social worker, radiologic technologist, radiology practitioner assistant, social worker, or advanced practice nurse OR
- Be master level prepared in a health related field; OR
- Be a lay or volunteer navigator and have taken an approved patient navigation course; AND
- Navigate breast patients for at least 25% of the applicants job responsibility OR
- Have supervision of breast patient navigators; and
- Provide proof of valid license or certification (not required for those taking the Advocate examination); and
- Pay the certification fee of \$300 registration for current NCBC members (Current membership is required to maintain certification)
- Have current NCBC membership

Certification Eligibility Recommendation but not a Requirement:

- The applicant applying for certification should have at least two years' experience of navigating breast patients. This recommendation is based upon the review of the experience levels of those sitting for the exam and their passing or not passing the examination.

As soon as a person successfully enrolls for the program, a self-study binder is emailed within 7 working days. The binder does not contain all the material the applicant should review to prepare for the examinations. To prepare for the examinations the applicant should refresh him/herself on information received during their medical professional training. The binder contains a list of resources from which questions/answers were validated.

A passing score is of 80% or better is required to become certified. If an individual does not pass the examination, he/she may sit for the examination again during the next 12 months with no additional fee.

7:00 - 7:45 am Breakfast Symposia with **Myriad**

Navigator testing is available Tuesday or Wednesday at these times:

9:00 am	Registration Begins
9:30 am	Tests Begin
12:30 pm	Testing Ends

Core Committee members:

Imaging: Andrew Newman, MS(M), RT(T), CN-BI

Management: Janell Clark-Brown, MSN, APN-BC, CN-BP, CBEC

Advocate: Becky Olson, BA, CN-BA

Clinical: Julie Schisler, LPN, BS, CN-BC

Provider: Cathy Cole, NP, MPH, CN-BP, FNCBC

Nurse: Colleen Sullivan-Moore, RN, CNN, CN-BN

Community Liaison: Linda Kramer, BS

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Medical Advisor: Dr. Ernie Bodai, MD, FACS, FNCBC

NCBC Staff Manager: Jennifer Cobb-Hayes, MSM, Ed.D (ABD)

