



Board for
Certification of
Nutrition
Specialists

Employment Information / Primary Occupation

Nutrition Practitioner

Other healthcare practitioner (please specify)

Educator

Business consultant/manager

Researcher

Applicant's job title

Coursework Requirements

The education requirements are a minimum of 30-semester credit hours in the following categories. Please indicate how many semester hours you have successfully completed in each category. Please ensure all credits are converted to semester credit hours.

Graduate-Level Nutrition Courses (9 semester credit hours required)*

Examples include but are not limited to: developmental nutrition, metabolism of vitamins and minerals, nutrition assessment and therapeutic nutrition.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution

**Twelve (12) semester credit hours will be required for candidates taking the CNS Exam in the Fall 2022 or after.*



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Biochemistry Courses (6 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution

Anatomy/Physiology Courses (3 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution

Clinical or Life Sciences (12 semester credit hours required)

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category. Examples include but are not limited to biology, botany, microbiology, nutrition science, organic/inorganic chemistry.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution



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(continued) Clinical or Life Sciences

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution

Behavioral Sciences (2 semester credit hours required or 30 Continuing Education Units - CEs)*

Undergraduate courses may be applied in this category.

Course Title	Semester Credit Hours Earned	School or institution

**Behavioral Science credit hours will be required for candidates taking the CNS Exam in the Fall 2022 or after.*

Official Transcript Information

Official school transcripts for graduate and undergraduate courses conferring the Master of Science or doctoral degree and all mandatory coursework are required.

Applicants must arrange for submission of the transcripts from the school/institution(s) directly to the BCNS. School/institution(s) may mail the official transcripts to BCNS, 211 W. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or submit electronically to Applications@NutritionSpecialists.org. Exam eligibility will not be conferred without receipt of official transcripts.

Curriculum Vitae / Resume

Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae or resume detailing professional experience as a nutritionist.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation to the BCNS. Letters of recommendation must come from healthcare professionals familiar with your work as a nutrition professional. These letters must be submitted in accordance with the following guidelines: