

Dermatology Nursing Certification Examination

Grant Criteria and Application Information

Purpose: To support 3 nurses (RNs) and 1 (NP) to take the Dermatology Nursing Certification or Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner Examination.

Criteria: The applicant must meet the criteria/standards of the respective Certification Boards. Refer to the DNA website under certification tab for requirements.

Registered Nurse (Dermatology Nurse Certified=DNC):

- Be a current DNA member for 2 consecutive and complete years of membership.
- Have a minimum of 2 years of dermatology nursing experience as a RN.
- Hold a current and unrestricted license as a RN in the U.S. or Canada.
- Have a minimum of 2,000 hours of work experience in dermatology nursing within the past 2 years in a general staff, administrative, teaching or research capacity.
- Must write an article for FOCUS within one year of winning award.

Nurse Practitioner (Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner=DCNP):

- Be a current DNA member for 2 consecutive and complete years.
- Masters degree in nursing
- Current NP state or province licensure
- National certification as a NP
- Minimum of 3,000 hours of recent NP practice with current practice in dermatology (hours obtained from a formal dermatology NP academic program count towards the 3,000 hours)
- Must write an article for FOCUS within one year of winning award.

Submission: The applicant shall submit a completed certification exam grant application consisting of 7 demographic questions and 3 essay questions to be used for scoring.

Applications must be postmarked on or before October 1 preceding the year you intend to take the exam.

Decisions of grant recipients are determined by blind review of all applications by the Awards/Scholarship Committee.

Grants: The Dermatology Nurses Association will reimburse the examination fee of \$260 (RN) or \$400 (NP) to grant recipients. The application for this grant may be submitted anytime before October 1 of the year prior to taking the examination.

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to apply and pay fees to C-Net for certification exam sitting in the year following the DNA Grant Application submission.
- If all qualifications are met, an acceptance letter from C-Net will be sent to applicant.
- The recipient of this grant then submits: 1) a copy of the C-Net acceptance letter and 2) the receipt of payment to the DNA National Office before Nov 15 of the year in which the exam is taken.
- The DNA will acknowledge the grant recipient and reimburse the fee to the grant recipient at the annual convention business meeting. If not in attendance at the convention, the reimbursement check will be mailed to recipient.

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