

Attachment A

Core Clinical Nurse Specialist Examination

**(Total Members in 2008-2009= 10
Total Members after 2009 = 8)**

1. All members shall: a) hold a master's degree in nursing with educational preparation for CNS practice; b) hold a current RN license; and c) be practicing as clinical nurse specialists.
2. All members shall have a minimum of three years of experience as a clinical nurse specialist.
3. Members of the panel shall be representative of various clinical nurse specialist specialties (e.g., neuroscience, women's health, maternal-child health/obstetrics, cardiac/vascular, critical care, emergency-trauma). No two members on the panel shall be representative of the same particular specialty.
4. For 2008-2009, the panel shall include representatives of each of the following ANCC content expert panels: Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health and Clinical Nurse Specialty in Pediatric Nursing.
5. The panel shall include members who practice in a variety of settings and serve diverse patient populations (e.g., inpatient/outpatient, rural/town/city, research/consultation, public/community health, and nursing home/long-term care).
6. Members of the panel shall be representative of various geographic areas of the United States per the proportional representation of CNS nurses based on national survey data.
7. Two members on the panel shall be clinical nurse specialists who hold faculty positions in a CNS graduate program.
8. The ideal panel shall have at least two members who have no more than five years of experience as clinical nurse specialists.
9. Two members shall hold a doctoral degree in nursing (PhD, DNS, DNSc, DNP).
10. Fifty percent of the panel members shall represent the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NANCS) and fifty percent the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)