

# CORE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS for the Certified Clinical Nutritionist (CCN™) Examination

Regionally, National, State & DETC Accredited College/University degrees are accepted.

**POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN CLINICAL NUTRITION™ (PGSCN) PROGRAM:** 56 Hours of online and additional study covering the specific body of knowledge represented by the scope of clinical nutrition practice, is required of all degrees prior to taking the CCN™ Examination. ***Exception dependent upon CNCB approval of independent academic nutrition program (see C):***

- A. **A Bachelors of Science:** For individuals holding a Bachelors of Science from a Regionally, National, State and DETC Accredited University, the coursework below should be incorporated into the existing degree or taken as supplemental coursework prior to qualification for the CNCB's PGSCN online program.

**Core Science Coursework: 3 course hours each required**

Anatomy & Physiology	Human Biology
Chemistry	Biochemistry (pre-requisite organic chemistry)
Microbiology	

**Core Nutrition Coursework/or Equivalency (five courses needed - 3 course hours each required)** \*Course titles may vary but must be equivalent.

Introduction to Nutrition I	Nutrition II
Nutrition and Disease	Nutrition & Supplementation
Nutrition Assessment	Herbology
Nutrition Counseling Strategies	Nutrition and Aging

- B. **An Advanced Professional Degree in a Licensed Health Care Field: (Degree must include Core Science Coursework.)**

For qualified health professionals in licensed categories, including but not limited to holders of MD, DO, DC, DDS, DPM, OD, RPh, PharmD, DPT, PA, RD, or a BS in nursing, 56 hours of online training in clinical human nutrition within the PGSCN program is required prior to examination. Naturopaths with a degree approved through the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or licensed through the state are qualified for the PGSCN online program. Those individuals holding an Associates Degree in Nursing would be qualified after obtaining the Core Nutrition Coursework listed above. Individuals holding an MS degree in the field of Clinical Nutrition from a State, National or DETC college are qualified for the PGSCN online program.

- C. **An individual that holds a Masters, Ph.D, or D.Sc. in Human Nutrition: from a Regionally accredited institution. (Degree must include Core Science and Nutrition Coursework.)**

Dependent upon CNCB approval of individual academic nutrition programs, Masters, Ph.D., and D.Sc. applicants may be eligible to take the examination without completion of the Post Graduate Studies in Clinical Nutrition (PGSCN) program. Current exemptions include Bridgeport University, New York Chiropractic College and UC Davis. An individual may request exemption if their MS degree is from another Regionally Accredited University, not currently listed.

- D. **Foreign Degree Applicants: submit satisfactory English documentation at applicant expense.**

If the degree comes from outside the United States, it must be evaluated as being equivalent to United States accredited institution standards.

- Michigan requires Statistics coursework for licensure.
- Optional coursework but recommended: Medical Terminology, Practice Management/Insurance Codes, HIPPA requirements.