What are the requirements to take the Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse certification test?

- RN license (U.S. or Canada)
- 24 months specialty experience, comprised of a minimum of at least 2,000 hours
- Employment in Neonatal Intensive Care sometime in the last 24 months
- Both practice and hours must be met. This is not an either/or criterion

What should I review for the test?

- Content outlines on NCC website
  - General Assessment and Management (45-55%), Assess and Manage Pathophysiologic States (45-55%), Assess and Manage Psychosocial/Behavioral Adjustments (5-10%), Professional Issues (<5%)
- Recommended books and journals
  - Journals: *Advances in Neonatal Nursing; Neonatal Network*
- Review courses and materials
  - For review courses, contact Lisa Festle/Barb Hering
  - National Association of Neonatal Nurses offers a Neonatal Intensive Care Review Course (14 modules) $235 non-members, $175 member price; can order individual modules

Once I am certified, how do I maintain my certification?

- RN-NIC certification is valid for 3 years
- To maintain your certification, you will need to take an NCC Continuing Competency Assessment in your 3 year maintenance cycle. This assessment will generate an education plan, telling you how many CEUs you need, and in which competency areas.

What professional organizations are available to join?

- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- Chicago Area of Neonatal Nurses
  - Must be a member of NANN
- Academy of Neonatal Nurses

Have more questions? We can help!
Contact the Nursing Education and Professional Development Council: Send an email via Trinity Outlook to one of the members listed at the following link *Nursing Education and Professional Development Council*