



Announcement: CNEcl Certification Funding for Clinical Nursing Instructors

The Nursing Council on Workforce Sustainability (NCWS) is pleased to announce that Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey has allocated one time funding as part of the fiscal year 2025 budget to cover Certified Academic Clinical Nurse Educator (CNEcl) certification costs for eligible clinical nursing instructors.

Eligibility Criteria

Clinical nursing instructors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Licensed to practice nursing in Massachusetts
2. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing as their highest degree earned
3. Have at least three years of professional nursing experience
4. Possess a minimum of two years of academic teaching experience within the last five years
5. Not currently enrolled in a Master's or Doctorate in Nursing program

Note: *Nursing instructors grandfathered into prior regulations are also eligible for this funding.*

Funding Priority

Due to the BORN regulation change [244 CMR 6.04 \(2\)\(b\) 4.c](#), the first priority for funding will be faculty that teach in an ADN or BSN program, have a BSN as their highest degree earned, and meet the [CNEcl criteria](#). The second priority for funding will be faculty that teach in a PN program, have a BSN as their highest degree earned, and meet the CNEcl criteria.

Funds can be utilized for the following one-time fees related to the CNE-cl certification:

1. CNE-cl certification preparation booklet
2. CNE-cl certification preparation course
3. CEN-cl certification exam fee

Application Period

Applications will be accepted from Monday, **February 17** to Monday, **March 31**. Late submissions will not be considered.

Application and Award Process

1. The total number of awards and the award amounts will be determined after the application period closes.
2. The employing **School of Nursing** must submit the application through the following link: https://umassmed.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3aYvhsurwV6naIM
3. Required application details include:
 - Contact information for the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (MABORN) Program Administrator
 - Contact information for a finance department designee
 - Names of candidates being submitted for funding
 - An attestation confirming that each candidate meets the eligibility requirements
4. NCWS will review applications after the application deadline and email nursing program individually with funding decisions. Program Administrators can expect a response by the NCWS by April 30th.
5. NCWS staff will coordinate with the finance designee to register the school in the UMass Chan Accounting System, ensuring smooth fund disbursement. The funds will then be transferred electronically to the schools, which will distribute them to approved candidates.

Reporting and Follow-Up

All funding recipients are required to take the CNE-cl exam within one year of receiving funding.

Nursing programs must report the following post-funding:

- Candidate testing dates and outcomes (pass/fail)

These reports will maintain individual confidentiality and provide general statistical insights. The NCWS may request proof of examination to substantiate the nursing program's report. The proof of examination, if requested, must be provided to the NCWS within 30 days

Use of Unspent Funds

Any changes must be reported to the NCWS. Additionally, the School of Nursing must provide a new application with attestation for any new candidates. The follow-up reporting obligations will remain the same.

For further assistance or inquiries, please contact the NCWS at NursingCouncil@umassmed.edu