

Self-Assessment Tool for CNOR® Exam

CCI wants to help prepare you for success in seeking the professional credential for perioperative registered nurses (CNOR). The following self-assessment tool may be used to determine readiness for taking the exam, identify areas of strength and needed improvement, and aid in the development of a test preparation plan.

1. Have I met the criteria for eligibility to take the CNOR exam?

Yes No

Currently licensed as an RN in the country where currently practicing perioperative nursing

Have a minimum of 2 years and 2400 hours of perioperative practice in an administrative, teaching, research, or general staff capacity

Currently working either part- or full-time in a perioperative role

2. Does my day-to-day practice involve of variety of surgical procedures, specialties, and patient age groups, or is my role restricted to one or two specialties or age groups?

My current practice involves following types of cases:	I will need additional exposure/ following types of cases:

3. Do I perform my own pre-operative assessment, or do I mostly rely on documentation from admitting personnel in developing my plan of care?

Yes

No

4. Do I know the action, dose, side effects, and contraindications for the medications my patient is taking pre-procedure?

Yes

No

5. Do I know the action, dose, route, side effects, and contraindications for the medications that are administered during the intraoperative period?

Yes

No

6. Do I have access to Central Processing personnel and resources?

Yes

No

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17. I have identified and put a plan in place to address barriers to preparation for the exam:

Cost of exam

Cost of study materials

Facility support/reward/recognition

Time

Testing anxiety

Now, step back and critically analyze the results of your self-assessment. Numerous “no” answers, limited exposure to all components of perioperative nursing (pre-, intra-, and postoperative), and/or specialization to specific types of patients or procedures does not mean you cannot be successful on the exam, but it does suggest participating in additional learning opportunities to address identified deficits.

Plan (including timeline and resources):

