



The Basics

- Launched in 2015
- 3 year credentialing program

CSSM Exam Snapshot

- 180 multiple choice questions
- Covers seven subject areas
- 3-month testing window
- Computer-based test offered at over 300 Prometric testing centers nationwide

Exam Preparation Resources

- CSSM Bibliography
- Task and knowledge statements
- CCI Fundamentals of OR Management Certificate Program

Eligibility Requirements

	Minimum Academic Degree	Employment Requirement	+	CH Coursework (last 2 years)	OR	Academic Coursework (last 2 years)
CNOR Certified RN	BA/BS	Minimum 2 years and 2,400 hours of surgical services management experience		30 contact hours of domain-specific content		6 contact hours of domain-specific content
Non-CNOR Certified RN	BA/BS	Minimum 4 years and 4,800 hours of surgical services management experience		50 contact hours of domain-specific content		12 contact hours of domain-specific content

CSSM certification is a voluntary recognition program designed for registered nurses working in a surgical services management or leadership role. Recertification of this credential recognizes the professional achievement of a surgical services manager who has chosen to maintain proficiency in that role in the perioperative setting.

Check your eligibility

- Hold current unrestricted RN license
- Be currently certified as a CSSM
- Be currently employed in perioperative nursing in the area of surgical services management
- Have worked a minimum of 1500 hours in surgical services management within the three-year recertification cycle

Validate continued competency *(choose from one of two methods)*

- The Professional Development Points Method
- Taking the CSSM certification examination

Complete application

Pay recertification fee

Earning Periods and Deadlines

CSSM Credential Valid	Points Must Be Earned Between	Recertification Application Due
2015 – 2018	Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2017	December 31, 2018
2016 – 2019	Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
2017 – 2020	Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2019	December 31, 2020
2018 – 2021	Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2020	December 31, 2021