

Which Case Management Certification is Best for You?

Case Management Certification Quick Reference Guide

I have been getting many questions about the different types of Case Management Certifications available. So I decided to create a side by side comparison of 3 of the available certifications to help you compare each certification type.

	ACMA	CCM	ANCC
Who is eligible to sit for the exam?	<p>Registered Nurses - with a valid and current nursing license</p> <p>Social Workers - with a Bachelor's or Master's degree of social work or valid social work license</p>	<p>Applicants with a current, active and unrestricted licensure or certification in a health or human services discipline.</p> <p>Some <i>examples</i> of licenses and certifications are RN, LCSW, LMSW, LPC, CRC and CDMS</p>	<p>Applicants who hold a current, active RN license within a state or territory of the United States or the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p><u>International Applicants: Learn about additional requirements for candidates outside the US.</u></p>
Who administers the exam?	American Case Manager Association	Commission for Case Manager Certification	American Nurses Credentialing

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Requirements (Brief overview)	<p>Education/Licensure:</p> <p>Registered Nurse with valid and current nursing license.</p> <p>Social Worker with a Bachelor's or Master's degree of social work and social work license.</p> <p>Employment Experience:</p> <p>All applicants must have: 1 year (2,080 hours) of full time, supervised paid work experience as a case manager or in a role that falls within the Scope of Services and Standards or Practice of a case manager, by a health delivery system.</p> <p>Of note:</p> <p>Candidates with less than (2) years of experience must provide supervisor contact information and an attestation that they have at least (1) year of case management experience.</p> <p>Paid or unpaid internship does not count toward full time work experience.</p>	<p>Education OR Licensure:</p> <p>A Bachelor's or Master's degree in nursing, social work or another health and human services discipline.</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Current, active, unrestricted licensure or certification in a health or human services discipline.</p> <p>Employment Experience:</p> <p>Option 1:</p> <p>12 months full time case management, supervised by a CCM.</p> <p>Option 2:</p> <p>24 months full time case management.</p> <p>Option 3:</p> <p>12 months full time case management employment experience as a supervisor of individuals who provide case management services.</p>	<p>Licensure:</p> <p>Applicants who hold a current, active RN license within a state or territory of the United States or the professional, legally recognized equivalent in another country.</p> <p>Employment Experience:</p> <p>Those who have practiced the equivalent of 2 years full-time as a registered nurse.</p> <p>and</p> <p>Have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in nursing case management within the last 3 years.</p> <p>and</p> <p>Have completed 30 hours of continuing</p>

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Cost	<p>Application fee \$325</p> <p>Candidates deemed ineligible to sit for the exam will receive a refund, less a \$75.00 processing fee.</p>	<p>Application fee \$200 (Non refundable)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Exam fee \$185 (will be refunded if ineligible to sit for exam) =</p> <p>Total paid with application: \$385</p>	<p>Application fee \$390</p> <p>Rate for ANA nurses: \$270</p>																														
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Where is exam offered?	<p>ACMA partners with Applied Measurement Professionals to administer the exam.</p> <p>Click the appropriate link to find a testing center near you:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nurse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Worker</p>	<p>CCMC partners with Prometric Test Centers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to find a testing center near you.</p>	<p>CCMC partners with Prometric Test Centers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to find a testing center near you.</p>																														

Who is exam geared to?	Exam content focuses on health care delivery system case management settings, including hospitals, acute care and ToC.		Developed for nurses, by nurses and is focused specifically on nursing case management
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I wanted to share how I choose the CCM Certification from all the options.

At first, I was leaning toward the ANCC since I was a nurse and it was for nurses only. When it was time for me to apply, I asked the director of my department her opinion. Her answer was "the CCM is the gold standard"...

So, I began looking into CCM. I also looked at job postings for Case Manager positions I may want in the future and all the positions required CCM certification. Based on this, I made the choice to seek my CCM certification and have been extremely happy with my decision. My CCM certification has opened many doors for me.

While the CCM was the right choice for me, it will not be the right decision for everybody. You will need to take into consideration your current situation and where you want to be in the future!

No matter what you choose, good luck and you can do it! Being a Certified Case Manager is a great profession!

Sources Cited:

<http://www.acmaweb.org/>

<https://ccmcertification.org/>

http://www.cmsa.org/portals/0/pdf/ANCC_Certification.pdf