



Promoting Excellence in Vascular Access



The Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC), established in 2009, is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the validation, through certification, of a specialized body of knowledge for all professionals working in the field of vascular access.

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VACC Board of Directors Revises the VA-BC™ Examination Eligibility Requirements.

The Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving all aspects of the Vascular Access-Board Certified (VA-BC™) program to make sure that is in keeping with changes within the vascular access speciality and aligns with best evidenced based standards of practice. As part of VACC's ongoing commitment to quality improvement and certification excellence, In November 2016, the VACC Board of Directors approved changes to eligibility criteria for sitting for the VA-BC™ examination. The changes will take effect with the next test cycle which is June 2017. As some vascular access duties are being performed in less traditional settings and potentially by less qualified and trained personnel, the VACC board determined that the eligibility criteria for the exam be updated to include clarification of educational and practice requirements. The change includes the requirement of post graduate education (e.g.: LPN, nursing diploma, associates, bachelors, masters, PhD, PharmD, DO, MD) and the one year of professional experience in addition to the already established eligibility requirements. The determination was made after reviewing the current Job Analysis, similar organization requirements, and a review of current clinical and certification practice. The decision was made by consensus of the Board of Directors. Further information about the VA-BC™ eligibility requirements can be found on the VACC web site www.vacert.org. Questions should be directed to the VACC Program office via email: info@vacert.org. To learn more about the full eligibility requirements download the Certification Candidate Handbook, please visit www.vacert.org.