

Who is eligible to take the Examination?

The certification exam is available to candidates living in the United States or Canada. Candidates include (not inclusive list)

RN's	Educators
MD's	Radiology Technicians
PA's,	Respiratory Therapists
NP's	Infection Preventionists
LPNs/LVNs	EMS Professionals

Professionals certified in vascular access must meet specific eligibility criteria and pass a rigorous multiple-choice examination. Certifications granted by the VACC are valid for three years and may be renewed by successfully completing a combination of specialty continuing education credits or by retesting.

VA-BC™ certification is considered a national multidisciplinary certification by the America Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for **Magnet** recognition
And
is on the Veterans Administration approved listing for nursing certifications.

About VACC

The Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) 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. The certification through VACC is multidisciplinary in scope and includes the broad range of health care professionals and clinicians actively engaged in the practice of vascular access.

Mission

The mission of the Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) is to certify those professionals in healthcare and related disciplines working in the field of vascular access

VA-BC™ certification is accredited by the (NCCA) National Commission of Certifying Agencies



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Employers Guide to Certification in Vascular Access



Vascular Access Certification Corporation
**Promoting Excellence In Vascular
Access Care**

**Benefits for Your Patients, Staff, and
Organization**

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Why is Vascular Access Certification Important?

Certification is the objective, measurable way to ensure that a professional has the knowledge to practice competently within the specialty field of vascular access

Certification is a voluntary process by which a nongovernmental agency formally recognizes specialized knowledge, skills and experience in a designated area. The Vascular Access Board Certified™ (VA-BC™) certification establishes minimum competency standards in the specialty of vascular access and offers recognition for those who have met the standards.

The certification exam in vascular access is based on current professional practice, and validates that a certified clinician's knowledge is up to date.

The Vascular Access Certification Corporation (VACC) is committed through credentialing to raising the bar in the specialty of vascular access through evidenced-based practice, professionalism, and advocating safe and responsible practice for patients and families.

Benefits for Employers

- Improved customer satisfaction
- Increased competence level of employees
- Increased safety in providing vascular access services
- Helps to recruit and maintain qualified professionals
- Provides professional development opportunities
- Demonstrates your commitment to competence
- May increase retention rates

Benefits for Patients

- Increases confidence in service providers
- Meets the public demand for safety and standards
- Ensures caregivers with validated experience

Benefits for the certified professionals

- Personal and professional satisfaction
- Recognition from other healthcare professionals and peers
- Enhances professional reputation
- Demonstrates a high level of commitment to the field of vascular access
- Validates skills and knowledge

How to Encourage and Recognize Your Certified Staff

There are ways for all organizations to encourage staff to become certified and to recognize those who are.

Financial Support:

- Reimburse successfully certified staff for examination fees
- Provide paid time off to take the exam
- Offer salary differentials and/or bonuses
- Offer support for recertification

Other ways to encourage and recognize certification:

- Add credentials to name badge
- Mail a letter of congratulations to your certified staff
- Download and publish the VACC press release
- Distribute information about VACC Certification and test opportunities
- Organize and encourage certification study groups
- Publish stories about VACC certified professionals in your newsletter
- Give preference to VACC certified professionals to attend continuing education conferences