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From: Laura Matarese, President, National Board of Nutrition Support Certification (NBNSC)

RE: Certified Nutrition Support Clinician (CNSC) Exam at the 2010 FELANPE Congress

Date: April 15, 2010

On behalf of the NBNSC Board of Directors, I am happy to announce that the CNSC exam will be offered during the FELANPE Congress in Asuncion, Paraguay. Details regarding the application and examination process are outlined below.

Exam Date: October 5, 2010

Exam Location: FELANPE Congress
Yacht and Golf Club Hotel
Asuncion, Paraguay
Room: Anahí

Exam Time: Room opens at 12:30 pm
Exam testing period from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Application Process: Those interested in taking the exam must submit the following to the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) prior to July 31, 2010.

- Application for Certification Examination for Nutrition Support Clinicians. Write the word **FELANPE** on the top of the application
- Documentation of credential evaluation (refer to the NBNSC's international policy and the Candidate Handbook for more information)
- Copy of your professional license as a physician, dietitian, nurse, pharmacist, or physician assistant
- Application fee of \$295.00 for A.S.P.E.N. members and \$395.00 for non A.S.P.E.N. members
- Additional \$100.00 international testing fee
- All fee payments must be in US Dollars. It is recommended that you pay by credit card to avoid any issues with conversion rates to US Dollars

Additional Materials: Included for your reference are the NBNSC International Policy and the Candidate Handbook, which contains the application. Additional information about the NBNSC and the certification exam is available on the internet at www.nutritioncertify.org.



**National Board of Nutrition Support Certification, Inc.
Policy on Offering Certified Nutrition Support Clinician Exam Internationally**

Background

The mission of the National Board of Nutrition Support Certification, Inc. (NBNSC) is to promote the enhanced delivery of safe and effective nutritional care through the certification of qualified clinicians practicing nutrition support.

The NBNSC currently offers the Certified Nutrition Support Clinician (CNSC) examination to the following individuals:

- Registered Dietitians (RD) who are registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) or the Canadian Equivalent
- Registered Nurses (RN) who are licensed to practice in the United States or Canada
- Physicians who are licensed as doctors of medicine (MD) or doctors of osteopathy (DO) in the United States or Canada
- Pharmacists who are registered/licensed to practice in the United States or Canada
- Physician assistants who are registered/licensed to practice in the United States or Canada

Purpose

It is the purpose of the NBNSC to provide an avenue for international candidates with credentials equivalent to those in the United States to be eligible to sit for the CNSC examination.

Procedure

1. Individuals who practice as dietitians in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a registered dietitian with CDR or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a registered dietitian registered with CDR in the United States.
 - a. The CDR has reciprocity with several foreign dietetic associations and regulatory boards to establish eligibility to sit for the registration examination for dietitians. Individuals who are deemed eligible by CDR to sit for the registration examination for dietitians and who successfully pass the examination are eligible to sit for the CNSC examination upon provision of documentation of registration status.
2. Individuals who practice as nurses in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a registered nurse and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and

documented as being equivalent to that of a registered nurse licensed to practice in the United States.

3. Individuals who practice as physicians in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice in the United States
4. Individuals who practice as pharmacists in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a pharmacist registered/licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a pharmacist registered/licensed to practice in the United States.
5. Individuals who practice as physician assistants in countries outside the United States (excluding Canada) must either obtain the status of a physician assistant and be licensed to practice in the United States or have their international education and credentials evaluated and documented as being equivalent to that of a physician assistant licensed to practice in the United States.
6. The cost of the evaluation of education and credentials is the responsibility of the individual and is separate from any fee that may be charged to sit for the certification examination. Approximate cost for evaluation is \$100.00, but may vary from one agency to another.
7. Once an individual's education and credentials have been evaluated as being equal to that in the United States, the individual may submit an application to sit for the CNSC examination. Documentation of credential evaluation must be submitted with the examination application.
8. The NBNSC will work with their testing company PTC for administration of the examination to international candidates.
9. International individuals who have previously sat for and successfully passed the nutrition support certification examination will be eligible to retake the examination without providing the above mentioned documentation as long as there is no lapse in certification. Should a lapse in certification occur for any reason, then that individual must adhere to the above requirements.

The following agencies may be of assistance in the evaluation of foreign education and credentials. Note this list is not inclusive of all agencies that may provide this service nor does the NBNSC have any relationship with the listed agencies. The individual requesting the credential evaluation is encouraged to verify that the selected agency continues to offer this service prior to submitting the request and payment.

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