



National Board for Certification of School Nurses

Are you aware that you can use your School Health ADVANTAGE Points as payment to take the NCSN Exam?

You can until April 2017, **and remember that starting in 2020 the requirement to sit for the exam will be a bachelor's degree or higher in nursing**, so if you have a bachelor's degree in a school health related area this would be a good time for you to take the exam, before that requirement goes into effect.

I have been certified since 1989. I took the exam then because I didn't have a degree (I was a diploma nurse) and 1990 was the last year to take the exam before a degree would be required. I have since gone on to get a BSN, a MSN, and a Master's in Clinical Psychopharmacology. We are not always aware what path life leads us on, but making decisions based on where we are presently on our journey can lead us in directions we never considered.

Have you thought about taking the exam but have been putting it off? Do you have School Health ADVANTAGE Points?

You can apply to take the winter exam [here](#) and use your points. Think about this opportunity. Check out this link for more information <https://www.schoolhealth.com/advantage-points/>. If you have questions about the ADVANTAGE program, email School Health at atvantage@schoolhealth.com or contact them by phone at 866-323-5465.

If you don't have ADVANTAGE Points, but have been thinking about taking the exam, this might be the time to do it. Click [here](#) to apply for the exam. You can still "**chuck a buck a day away**" and be ready in a year, before the new requirements take effect.

Contact us at info@certification.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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