Why is Certification of a Bariatric Nurse Important?

Advanced certification for bariatric nurses, much like board certification for a physician, gives a nurse professional recognition. It proves that the nurse has met stringent professional requirements and has demonstrated professional competency in a specialty.

• An RN license signifies a nurse has entry-level knowledge to provide care for patients and is the minimum requirement for professional nurses.
• An RN license doesn’t indicate whether a nurse has acquired knowledge beyond the required minimum, but certification does.

Purpose of the Certified Bariatric Nurse Certification:
• Establishes a professional standard for qualified bariatric surgical nurses
• Establishes a level and breadth of knowledge and skill
• Validates experience
• Increases credibility
• Strengthens public trust and patient confidence

Bariatric Nurse Certification benefits hospitals, employers and nurses and most importantly... **BENEFITS THE PATIENT.**

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For the hospital and employers

By gaining certification, it proves that the nurse has met a national standard which can help with facility accreditation (i.e. ANCC Magnet Recognition) and decrease hospital insurance premium costs.

- Having certified bariatric nurses on staff assures highly competent nurses with up-to-date knowledge and skills.
- Supporting certification enhances job satisfaction for nurses thereby decreasing turnover.
- Hospitals can also market to consumers as an added benefit to differentiate themselves from competitors.

For Nurses

- Certification validates a recognized level of specialty knowledge & clinical competence.
- Certification aids in career advancement.
- Certification provides professional recognition.
- Certification offers highly motivated nurses personal satisfaction in their abilities.

For Patients

- Certification provides patients with validation that the nurse caring for them is an expert in their field and has achieved a recognized standard of knowledge and clinical expertise in the specialty of bariatric surgery.
- Certification ensures optimal patient outcomes and patient satisfaction.
- Certification increases trust in the organization’s credibility.

Hospitals, employers, bariatric surgeons, nurses and especially patients benefit from having certified bariatric nurses on staff.

For additional information, contact the ASMBS Certified Bariatric Nurse Certification program at cbn@asmbs.org or online at www.asmbs.org/cbn-program

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