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Encouraging Messages from Certified Nurses

Following are a few of the many messages generated by certified nurses attending the annual Certification Celebration dinner, at NTI '06, intended for nurses preparing to become certified:

- I know you are considering taking on AACN certification exam and I wanted you to know that you can do it! The exam is only one piece of a journey of excellence that you are on. Please know that you have the best wishes of thousands of certified nurses supporting you as you begin this journey. Passing the exam is only the beginning! Good Luck!
- AACN Certification verifies that you have gone the extra mile for your patients and that you possess a high level of knowledge and skills in giving expert nursing care. I applaud you for choosing to become certified.
- Congratulations on your decision to seek certification. Achieving this goal will demonstrate to every one that you are an "expert" nurse and well-prepared to care for the patients and families you serve. Study hard. The rewards are great! Best Wishes.
- Becoming certified is a big step in your career as a critical care nurse. It's the first step in a journey which shows a life-long commitment to your patients and your own professional growth. You can do it!
- You can do it! Becoming certified helps you grow in so many ways. Not only does your knowledge increase but for me it lit a spark of self improvement. It showed me that at my age I could still learn and grow. The example I set for my team members and children was worth all the studying and worrying. You can do it. Email me & I'll be your mentor, cheerleader or whatever you need. You can do it, picture it, prepare for it and do it!
- Go for it!! Gook luck on the exam! It's not so bad, and it's definitely worth it professionally. By taking it you are not only advancing your career but demonstrating to others how nursing is a profession, not just a job.
- You have chosen a very special field/facet of nursing that incorporates a high level of critical thinking, problem solving, and judgment to provide the best care for your patients. Take pride in what you do and validate that level of knowledge and skill by obtaining certification specific to you. It's one of the best things you can do to role model professionalism & excellence. Good Luck!
- Congrats on taking this first step on a journey to excellence. Certification offers validation for yourself and for peers, physicians & patients/families that you are one of the best. Good Luck taking the test. If possible find someone to take this journey with you. Journeys are always more fun with friends
- It is a big step worth taking and you will never, ever regret being certified! The studying is only part of the adventure as you embrace the educational opportunities as they enfold for you and as you continue to learn, you continue to yearn for more . . . your passion to be the best will be infectious for others that work along side you. You Can Do It...Good Luck...Go for it!!

- To be a certified nurse is a proud and wonderful achievement. The hard work you have put into this achievement will surely shine at the bedside; exhibit the expert knowledge you have to care for your patients Congratulations on your accomplishment!
- Yes, becoming certified is a lot of work but on, what a great feeling the first time you sign your name followed by those coveted initials. You have proven to everyone, but mostly yourself, that you have what it takes. Your patients, their families and your colleagues can be confident that you will care for them to the best of your ability, and teach others around you to the same. Go for it!!
- To a most awesome and talented critical care nurse! You are making a very generous and compassionate contribution to your patient's, their families, our colleagues and, most importantly, you SELF! You have already proven that you are awesome, just by stepping into critical care nursing - but now you are raising the bar - using your bold voice - and transforming the future of critical care! Thank you for joining me and all of the rest of the world in y our professional commitment to lifelong learning!
- Hooray for you to be considering taking a certification exam! It is well worth the time & effort you put into it. The personal satisfaction you will feel in knowing you are a certified nurse is beyond any words I can say. You will be proud to know you are giving the best care possible to patients and their families. And you patients will rest comfortably in the knowledge that you are certified. Take that last step and join the thousands of certified nurses who are changing the world of health care!
- Certification is an awesome and powerful way to reinforce your skills and abilities to make a difference in the lives of your patients and your professional nursing career - Go for it!!
- The value of certification sends a strong message to patients, families, your employer & your colleagues about your knowledge & skills. It is truly a gift to you that keeps on giving. Yes, I truly do know what I am doing and yes, I will take excellent care of you and your family. Hold your head up and be proud of what you have accomplished.
- Dear Nurse, You need to take the test! You know you've been thinking about it. You are smart! You know your stuff! Sure you're nervous, that's just a sign that you care. When you pass you'll feel great! You'll be an inspiration to others! You'll wish you'd have taken the exam a long time ago! Take courage and go for it! God Bless You
- The gratification of achieving certification through AACN is so wonderful - for ones' self, for community, for nursing. You'll have ever more reason to hold your head high because you're a nurse... and a certified one at that.
- Be bold! Go for it. You have everything you need inside you to be successful! I'm proud of you for taking this step. It's a huge commitment to excellence and patient care. Let me know how you do!
- Believe in yourself. Know that you can do this. Validate your knowledge with Certification. You owe it to yourself .You owe it to your patients and their loved ones. You can do it
- Dear RN - Because you have expressed interest in certification, you are receiving this note which carries my personal encouragement to you to pursue becoming certified. I have been certified as a CCRN for many years. It is one of my accomplishments that I am perhaps the most proud of. It tells my patients, families, and colleagues that I care deeply about delivering optimal patient care

- Dear Fellow Nurse - Congratulations on making the decision to take this certification exam. You already have the skills & knowledge to deliver excellent nursing care. This exam will validate that. Anxiety, fear, nervousness...all of that you will feel. But nothing will compare to the joy and exhilaration when you pass...and you will pass! Study for the exam, work as usual, and celebrate being a nurse. Blessings to you on the day of your exam. :)
- You can do it! Certification is so important to you, your career, and your patients. Your desire to become certified means that you are focused on quality care for your patients. Thank you!
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Don't be afraid to move outside your comfort zone. Take the chance, the rewards are amazing! Trust in yourself and good luck! E-mail me when you decide (I failed the 1st time but tried again)
- Regards - Your contemplation of taking the certification exam is the first step. Once you achieve certification, the enormity of what you have accomplished will become your badge of honor! I wish you luck as the wisdom, experience and knowledge you have will serve you well in your quest!
- You are smart enough and brave enough to do this. Becoming certified is one of the best gifts you can give yourself. Becoming certified acknowledges your level of knowledge skill and commitment to patients, families your colleagues and yourself. You can do this. I look forward to celebrating your success!
- Dear Potential Certified Nurse - I cannot begin to find all the words to encourage you to become certified. The value of certification will not only become profound by enhancing your knowledge base, it will clearly show us all of your skills. Your colleagues, your patients and families will see this merit daily. I have 2 certifications and will forever be proud to hold them. You can do it too! Set a goal and go after it, don't give up. It is a tremendous accomplishment and you cherish an honor it forever. Gook Luck!! If I can help, feel free to contact me!
- Dear Colleague - The power of certification is incredible! It will give you such great inner strength! Your patients & their families will be grateful! Let me know how it goes!
- Hello Fellow RN! This may very well be the most difficult test you will ever take. The reward of passing and attaining your certification is one of the most satisfying and thrilling rewards you could ever achieve. I strongly encourage you to "just do it!" You'll be happy you did. I was. It has brought wonderful gifts to my life.
- Just like the "Little Engine that could", you can believe that your efforts to prepare for your certification will take you to the top of this challenge and you will succeed! Come and join all of us, over forty thousand strong, who have had your dream and have said "I think I can, I think I can" and now proudly wear the credentials of our success.
- Dear Future Certified Nurse - I want to encourage you to study, sit for and pass your certification exam. You will be so glad that you did. While I dreaded opening those books again, once I started learning it made my job so exciting. I had so many "Ah hah" moments where I connected what I did on a daily basis to why I did it and why it worked. This exam validates what you already know and already do as second nature. It is hard, and you have to study but it is so worth it. Come join a powerful voice in healthcare.
- A certified nurse inspired me to take the exam. I had been "on the fence" and hesitated taking the exam, even though I had accumulated books, review materials, and attended seminars for six years. This new CCRN came to me and said "What's the worst that can happen if you don't pass? Nothing. What's the best thing? You validate your incredible knowledge and skills. You will never do it any younger. Get on with it." And I did. You can to! Best wishes; please email me to let me know how you did!