CSC INITIAL EXAM AUDIT CHECKLIST

AACN #:	**Audit Due Date:**
Last Name:	**Exam Application Date:**
First Name:	**Email Address:**

Section 1:

Primary Position: _____   Number of Years in Critical Care: _____

Primary Area Employed: _____

Section 2:

The section must be completed by your verifier, who must be a **clinical supervisor or a professional colleague (RN or physician),** confirming that you have completed one of the two clinical hour options listed. **You cannot verify this information yourself.**

- Eligible hours are those spent in direct care of acutely/critically ill *adult* patients, with a portion of the hours in direct care of *adult cardiac surgery* patients within the *first 48 hours postoperatively*.
- Nurses serving as manager, educator, APRN or preceptor may apply their hours spent supervising nursing students or nurses at the bedside. Nurses in these roles must be actively involved in direct care of cardiac surgery patients.
- Clinical practice hours for exam eligibility must take place in a U.S.-based or Canada-based facility or a facility with Magnet® designation or Joint Commission International accreditation.

Verification of Practice Hours

I, _____ , verify that _____
*(printed name of **verifier**)*   *(printed name of **certificant**)*

has fulfilled the clinical hour requirement in direct care of acutely/critically ill **adult** patients in alignment with the following exam eligibility option:

Check ONE box only ▶

- ☐ **1,750** hours within the **2-year** period prior to application**,** with **875** of these hours completed in the 12 months preceding the *Exam Application Date* listed above. Of these 1,750 hours, 875 were in the direct care of adult **cardiac surgery patients *within the first 48 hours postoperatively*.**

- ☐ **2,000** hours over a **5-year** period, with **144** of these hours completed in the 12 months preceding the *Exam Application Date* listed above. Of these 2,000 hours, 1,000 were in the direct care of adult **cardiac surgery patients *within the first 48 hours postoperatively*.**

All fields MUST be completed ▶

_____   _____
Title   *Hospital Name*

_____   _____
Printed Name   *Hospital City / State / ZIP*

_____   _____
Signature   *Business Email*

_____   _____
Date   *Daytime Phone*

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