



# BOARD *for* CERTIFICATION *of* NUTRITION SPECIALISTS<sup>SM</sup>

## About the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists<sup>SM</sup> and Summary of Activities

The BCNS is the premier certification body providing credentialing of nutrition professionals with advanced degrees and training in nutrition science.

Our mission is to advance human health through the science and practice of professional nutrition care. Certified Nutrition Specialist® (CNS®) professionals are on the front lines using medical nutrition therapy, and providing consultation services to battle the epidemic of obesity and chronic disease. The BCNS supports these efforts, and certifies only nutrition professionals that maintain the highest standard of competence.

We have developed a rigorous certification process based on education standards, experiential eligibility criteria and the ability to demonstrate knowledge and skills through a formal examination process. Attaining the CNS credential attests to the qualifications, advanced skills and professional stature of a nutrition care professional.

A summary of the number of candidates examined, pass/fail statistics and number of individuals currently certified follows:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of CNS candidates examined	125	124	108	146	171
Percentage of CNS candidates who passed	80.5%	71.5%	72.5%	76.7%	71.5%
Percentage of CNS candidates who failed	19.5%	28.5%	27.5%	23.3%	28.5%

**Number of individuals holding CNS credential as of 12/31/2017: 1,427**