



## **Academic Nurse Educator Certification Award**

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### **Abstract**

Over the past two years, 237 nurse faculty have attended one of the six Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) workshops held in Columbia, Baltimore, and Bel Air, Maryland, to prepare for the national examination. The added value of the workshops is the focus on the National League for Nursing's (NLN) Nurse Educator Competencies. Whether an attendee is ready to test or reviewing best practices, all participants find benefit. Since inception of the Academic Nurse Educator Certification Award in 2019, 59 faculty achieved their CNE credential for the first time. An additional 27 renewed the CNE credential at the five-year mark. A total of 86 full-time faculty completed the requirements to be recognized as certified academic nurse educators. Maryland's CNE pass rate was 87.5% compared to the national pass rate of 72% (NLN, March 30, 2020). This is a mark of distinction and demonstrates the highest standards for educators charged with teaching all levels of nursing students. Maryland is leading the way in the increased proportion of nurse faculty who hold the CNE credential.