



## **Is the written test still required the *first* time I recertify?**

No. Everyone can renew by CE or exam every time.

## **What are my options to recert by CE?**

You can recert by submitting evidence of **trauma-specific** CE.

Currently there is a waiver to allow 64 CE hours in 4yrs.

There is no specific annual requirement.

The current waiver will expire 4/2011.

## **Where can I find information about the TNS renewal process - forms to use, approved hours, etc?**

[www.illinoistraumanurse.org](http://www.illinoistraumanurse.org) is *THE* website to access.

The TNS CE Summary Form with all the options relative to recertification by CE is posted on the website.

If renewing by exam, consult the TNS Class Schedule and contact the TNS Course Coordinator whose exam date coincides with your proposed schedule. You must collaborate with a TNS Course Coordinator to sit for the TNS exam (original or recertifying).

## **Is the TNS exam still hard?**

The TNS exam remains a standardized test measuring an advanced level of knowledge. Questions are based on course objectives and are designed to measure concepts that have been deemed high frequency and highly critical to a TNS's scope of practice based on a needs assessment conducted with Illinois nurses. They adhere to a blueprint and table of specifications that is available to candidates before they take the exam. If you chose to renew by testing, we strongly encourage you to access the current modules and prepare by answering the study questions at the end of each outline.

*More Questions????* Contact the TNS Course Coordinator closest to you or post your question at this site.