

Specialty Certifications Beat Out the Competition

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What to look for in a Specialty Certification?

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2. Does the certification body issue a credential number that can be verified by potential employers?
3. Does the certification require continued professional development?
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