

Medical-Surgical Nursing Board Certification Examination

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Many authoritative texts are used to develop this certification examination. This list is provided to help you to prepare for the examination and is not intended to be all-inclusive.

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