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Local Nurse Receives National Certification for Bariatric Nurses

(Reno, Nevada) – Laurie McGinley, a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse with Western Bariatric Institute in Reno, has been named a Certified Bariatric Nurse (CBN) by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

The CBN certification was established to focus on four key areas including multidisciplinary team collaboration, clinical management, leadership in program administration, and communication and outreach.

To be eligible to take the exam, candidates must be Registered Nurses with an up-to-date and valid license with at least two years of experience in caring for morbidly obese and bariatric surgery patients. This certification was established in November of 2007 so McGinley is one of the first in the country to receive accreditation.

“I have been working with bariatric patients for many years now and saw this as a great opportunity to further my education and show my commitment to this patient population,” stated McGinley, who is also the President of the National Association for Bariatric Nurses. “With the obesity epidemic continuing, it is critical that clinical providers further their education for caring for this group of patients.”

McGinley has been the Bariatric Nurse Manager for Western Bariatric Institute since July, 2005 and prior to this position, worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist for bariatric patients in Edmond, Oklahoma.

To learn more about McGinley and Western Bariatric Institute, please visit [Certified Bariatric Nurse](#) or contact Kim Brown at (775) 326-9171.