NBCRNA’s Continued Professional Certification (CPC) Program helps you show how much you care — about your patients, your profession and the lifelong learning that keeps you at the top of your game.

It provides the framework for you to demonstrate you have the knowledge to provide high quality patient care throughout your career — and that you continue to meet your state certification requirements.

Why CPC?

Designed to meet the APN regulatory requirements of every state Board of Nursing, the CPC Program protects your ability to continue practicing as a CRNA. The program also reinforces the validity and value of your CRNA credential, demonstrating to your patients, their families and your employer that you meet the credentialing requirements needed to deliver safe, effective patient care — even as the health care environment constantly changes.

What are Class A Credits?

Class A credits are continuing education (CE) credits earned by participating in CE courses or activities that sharpen your skills and grow your knowledge.

Criteria

To count as Class A credits, CE activities must meet the following three criteria:

1. Be prior approved by an accredited organization authorized to approve continuing education, e.g., AANAC, ACGME.
2. Include an assessment, such as self-assessment, polling, case studies, simulations, or post-tests.
3. Relate to anesthesia practice or the improvement of the delivery of anesthesia care to patients.

Any Class A credits you earn over the required 60 may be used to fulfill your Class B credit requirements.

Documentation

If you are an AANA member, your completed Class A credits will automatically be reported to the NBCRNA. If you are not an AANA member, you will need to report credits directly to the NBCRNA as part of your Renewal of Certification process every four years.

Examples

- Online courses
- Webinars
- Workshops
- Core Modules

Scoring

Because the CPC is not pass/fail, it does not repeat your certification. It is designed to provide feedback on your strengths and weaknesses in different knowledge areas. Scores are measured against a defined performance standard to identify any areas where additional study is needed.

Flexible Testing Options

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Core Modules

A test is given three hours to answer 150 questions.

Study Materials

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CPC Program: Components

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In addition to demonstrating compliance with these credits, you must also (1) submit your duly executed, confirmative practice and pay the certification renewal fees. Visit the website for details of the annualized costs.

What is the CPC Assessment?

The CPC Assessment (CPCA) is a performance standard assessment, not a pass/fail exam. It assesses your knowledge in the four core areas of nurse anesthesia practice:

- Airway Management
- Applied Clinical Pharmacology
- Human Physiology and Pathophysiology
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What are Class B Credits?

Class B credits are the most flexible component of the CPC Program. You can earn them through a wide range of professional activities that you must likely already engage in.

Criteria

Unlike Class A credits, Class B credits do not require prior approval and do not require an assessment. There are many activities that count as Class B credits.

Examples

- Teaching
- Publishing
- Research
- Mortality and morbidity conferences
- Research and data collection
- Mission trips

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### 2-Year Check-in

Required at the mid-point of each 4-year cycle

To help you stay on track and keep your records up-to-date, you need to complete a simple check-in at the mid-point of each 4-year cycle. During this brief online process, you will:

- Validate state licensure
- Confirm active practice
- Update contact information
- Review your CPC Program progress

Your check-in deadline is based on the month and year of your original certification, available on your personalized timeline when you log in to the NBCRNA portal.

There is no fee due at the Check-in, and you do not need to have completed any Class A or Class B credits, or Core Modules.

### Renewal of Certification

Required every 4 years

Every four years, you must apply for Renewal of Certification and pay the fee for your next four years of certification. NBCRNA will notify you by email, a few months prior to the end of your 4-year cycle. When you have completed the requirements, you can then log in to the NBCRNA portal to begin the application process.

If you have completed the first 4-year cycle of the CPC Program and your application has been approved, you are now entering the second 4-year cycle. You are eligible to take the CPC Assessment any time in those second four years, as long as it is at least six months prior to your Renewal of Certification deadline.

If you are applying for Renewal of Certification at the end of your second 4-year cycle, you also need to have completed the CPC Assessment.

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**Check out your personalized timeline**

Log in to the NBCRNA portal any time to access your CPC Timeline. At a glance, you'll see all the requirements you need to meet, and when. [https://portal.nbcrna.com/nbcrnassa](https://portal.nbcrna.com/nbcrnassa)