

NBCRNA's Statement on Continued Competency

Consistent with the charge of all credentialing organizations, the NBCRNA sees measuring entry-level and continued competency as a critical responsibility. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) defines continuing competence as “demonstrating specified levels of knowledge, skills, or ability not only at the time of initial certification but throughout an individual’s professional career.” NBCRNA supports this definition and believes that both CRNA and NSPM certificants should demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout the tenure of their certification, first by passing a certification examination and every four years after that by meeting the requirements of each respective continued certification program. The purpose of the NBCRNAs continued certification program is consistent with the NCCA definition. It requires CRNA and NSPM certificants to continue activities essential to the maintenance of knowledge required for their level of practice and certification in the specialty.

Reference

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