

What are Core Modules?

Core Modules are a specialized type of Class A credit designed to help keep you up-to-date on the latest innovations and current evidence-based knowledge relative to anesthesia practice. They are created using recently emerging content published in the last five-year period, and address the four core domains of nurse anesthesia practice: Airway Management; Applied Clinical Pharmacology; Human Physiology and Pathophysiology; and Anesthesia Equipment, Technology, and Safety. During your second 4-year cycle, and each cycle thereafter, you will complete a total of four Core Modules, one from each domain.



Airway
Management



Applied Clinical
Pharmacology



Human Physiology and
Pathophysiology



Anesthesia Equipment,
Technology, and Safety

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Core Modules ALSO count as Class A credits.

Use Core Modules to help fulfill both requirements.

2. You can also use any excess Class A credits over the required 60 during your 4-year cycle to fulfill the Class B requirement.

For more information on Core Modules credits visit:

www.nbcna.com/CoreModules



The NBCRNA does not produce Core Modules. List as of July 2021.



Find the list of Core Module providers here, www.nbcna.com/CoreModules.

CORE MODULES FAQs

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Are Core Modules required during the second 4-year CPC cycle?

Beginning with the second 4-year CPC cycle, four Core Modules - one in each core knowledge area - are required components in each 4-year cycle. (They were optional in the first 4-year cycle).

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Do credits earned through the Core Modules also count toward the Class A requirement?

Yes. Core Modules provide Class A credits, which can be applied to the Class A requirement, so they count as a Core Module requirement and a Class A requirement - a "double dip."

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How much does it cost to take a Core Module?

The cost is determined by the CE provider. Although the NBCRNA does not produce Core Modules, several vendors do. To see a list of all the Core Module providers, visit: www.nbcna.com/CoreModules.

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How do I report that I have completed a Core Module?

For AANA members, the AANA will automatically report completed Class A credits earned through Core Modules to the NBCRNA. For those without automatic credit transfer from the AANA, you will need to report credits directly to the NBCRNA as a part of your Renewal of Certification process every four years.

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Are Core Modules a good tool to prepare for the CPC Assessment (CPCA)?

Core Modules are focused on recently emerging information and evidence-based knowledge. Not only do Core Modules bring recent information to you in an educational format, avoiding the typical lag time of waiting for the information to be published in textbooks, but they also count towards the Class A credit requirement. Although helpful, Core Modules were not designed as a CPC Assessment (CPCA) preparation tool.

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If I successfully complete the Core Modules, will I pass the CPC Assessment (CPCA)?

Core Modules are focused on recently emerging information and evidence-based knowledge, designed to help you stay current. They will serve as learning tools for content on the CPCA; however, performance on the Core Modules may not necessarily correlate to performance on the CPCA.

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Where do I find Core Modules that qualify for the CPC Program?

Reference the Core Modules page to see a list of CE providers who offer Core Modules recognized by the NBCRNA. www.nbcna.com/CoreModules

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What is the format for Core Modules?

Core Modules are produced and offered by vendors in various electronic formats. They may also be offered at in-person events.

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How long/what is the length of the Core Modules?

Core Modules are developed according to an existing list of Instructional Goals, Instructional Objectives, and Performance Objectives, developed by the NBCRNA. The length and number of elements vary from content domain to content domain (e.g. pharmacology, airway). Consequently, the length of time necessary to cover the educational material addressed by these instructional and performance elements varies from Core Module to Core Module. Visit the [Core Module providers](#) for more information on their specific offerings.