

What is the CPC Assessment?

The CPC Assessment (CPCA) is a performance-standard assessment – it is **NOT** pass/fail. It includes 150 multiple-choice questions and you'll have three hours to complete it.

What is covered on the CPCA

The CPCA focuses on clinical knowledge, rather than the fine detail you needed to learn for your initial certification examination to become a CRNA (the NCE). It is instead geared toward the knowledge of the practicing CRNA.

The CPCA will assess your knowledge in the four core knowledge areas (domains) of nurse anesthesia practice:

- Airway Management
- Applied Clinical Pharmacology
- Human Physiology and Pathophysiology
- Anesthesia Equipment, Technology, and Safety

What happens if I don't meet the performance standard?

CRNAs who do not meet a set standard score in any of the four core domains will be required to take at least one additional **Class A credit** focused on identified areas of weakness. The additional credits would be over the minimum 60 Class A credits and 100 total credits requirement and must be taken through an AANA approved Class A CE provider. *Performance on the CPCA itself will not affect your CRNA credential as long as you successfully complete remediation in areas where the performance standard is not met.*

CPCA RESOURCES – CPCA TOOLKIT

To help you prepare for the CPCA, NBCRNA offers a variety of resources that can be found on the CPCA Toolkit page. These include practice assessments that can give you access to up to 160 practice questions, as well as short overview videos, infographics, and more.

Access the Toolkit: [NBCRNA.COM/CPCA-TOOLKIT](https://www.nbcna.com/cPCA-toolkit)

▶ When can I take the CPCA?

You can take the CPCA during your second four-year cycle--up until six months before the end of that cycle. Applications for the CPCA are open through 2022 and you can schedule your appointment with Pearson Vue at the time and date that is most convenient for you. Log in at [nbcna.com](https://www.nbcna.com) to apply.

▶ Where can I take the CPCA?

You have two flexible options. You can either take the CPCA in the privacy of your own home or any other private, quiet, distraction-free location with good internet access, or take the CPCA at a traditional testing center—it's your choice.

▶ How much does it cost?

The cost of the CPCA is \$295.

**Overdue fees apply: the CPCA can be taken anytime during a your second four-year CPC cycle, but must be completed no later six months before your credential renewal deadline.*

