



## Summer 2016 CRNA Newsletter

This issue features brief updates on NBCR NA activities including the launch of the Continued Professional Certification (CPC) Program, the NCE Professional Practice Analysis, a short subspecialty survey, information on the new SEE, the status of the call for CPC exam item writers, and more.

### Continued Professional Certification (CPC) Program launches; 22K+ already enrolled

The Continued Professional Certification (CPC) Program officially begins on Aug. 1, 2016. Since the 2016-2020 recertification opened on March 1, 2016 (for "even-year" certificants), more than 22,000 CRNAs have recertified and have already entered into the CPC Program, getting a jump start on earning their Class A and Class B credits for their first four-year cycle. Beginning Jan. 1, more than 1,300 new certificants also had the opportunity to begin earning Class A and Class B credits for their first four-year cycle. Those due to recertify in 2017 will recertify next year under the former program and will then be entered into the CPC Program.

The CPC Program promotes lifelong learning through a robust and multi-modal continued certification program that will support the expanding role of nurse anesthetists in the modern healthcare environment.

#### Program Overview



The CPC Program is an eight-year program comprised of two four-year cycles. The first four-year cycle requires 60 Class A credits and 40 Class B credits. The [NBCR NA website](#) has a wealth of information and resources to help better understand each component and your next steps.

**Class A** credits are most similar to the CE credits you've been accumulating in the past. Class A credits are activities that are 1) prior approved (e.g. by the AANA), 2) include an assessment of some type, and 3) are related to nurse anesthesia practice.

**Class B** credits are the most flexible component of the CPC Program. Class B credits include a wide range of professional activities that enhance knowledge of anesthesia practice, support patient safety, or foster an understanding of the health care environment. A few examples include: morbidity and mortality conferences, precepting, teaching, infection prevention courses, data



***Thank you! We value your input.***

## New SEE In Effect Beginning Sept. 1

Over the past year, work has taken place on developing a new Self-Evaluation Exam. On Sept. 1, 2016, a new SEE will launch, which adopts the content outline of the National Certification Examination (NCE) as its framework. As such, it is intended to better serve as a predictor of future performance on the NCE.



Based on feedback from program administrators, the revisions to the SEE involved the utilization of the National Certification Examination's (NCE) four knowledge domains for question development and score reporting, and increasing the number of questions to provide more accurate predictive scores on the four NCE domains.

The NEW SEE will contain a total of 240 questions (200 scored, 40 unscored). The previous SEE length was 160 questions (100 scored, 60 unscored). The increased number of required questions will provide more accurate score information, not only for the overall score, but for each of the domain-level subscores:

- Basic Sciences
- Equipment, Instrumentation and Technology
- Basic Principles of Anesthesia
- Advanced Principles of Anesthesia

The extended length, combined with the alignment with the NCE outline, will also promote the new SEE being a more accurate predictor of eventual performance on the NCE. For the changeover to the new SEE, applications for the SEE will not be available from Aug.19-31, 2016, but testing during that time can still take place. The new SEE will begin to be taken starting Sept.1, 2016.

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## Fall Nonsurgical Pain Management (NSPM) Subspecialty Application Window

In 2015, the NBCRNA launched the voluntary subspecialty certification for nurse anesthetists in Nonsurgical Pain Management (NSPM-C) which measures the knowledge, skills, and abilities of NBCRNA-certified registered nurse anesthetists for practice in the field of nonsurgical pain management.

**Applications for the next exam will be accepted Oct. 3-28, 2016,**

with testing available from Nov. 28- Dec. 12, 2016.

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## Great Interest in Call for CPC Exam Item Writers

In June 2016, the NBCRNA held a call for item writers for the Continued Professional Certification (CPC) exam. As of July 8, more than 80 CRNAs expressed interest in becoming an NBCRNA item writer. The NBCRNA greatly appreciates the interest, time and expertise of our CRNAs in this important initiative. A final cohort is expected to be determined by September 2016.



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