ABPANC Board of Directors Changes
CPAN® and CAPA®
Recertification Requirements

Congratulations! ABPANC Recognizes Clinical Expertise with fewer CPAN® and CAPA® CE Requirements.

ABPANC has recognized the need to update its recertification requirements. With these changes, approved by the ABPANC Board of Directors in April, CPAN® and CAPA® recertification renewal hours have been updated.

All changes are effective July 1, 2018.
Changes to Clinical Practice Hour Requirements:

New Recertification Clinical Practice Hours Requirement:
Individuals seeking recertification must have accrued a minimum of 900* hours of perianesthesia nursing practice as a Registered Nurse during their three year period of certification. Clinical practice hours may be earned as a perianesthesia staff nurse, manager, and educator or researcher roles.

*Changed from 1,200 hours

Please note that all other eligibility requirements for recertification remain in place and unchanged.
Additional Changes to ABPANC Recertification Process

Changes to the Third or More Recertification Period
If you are recertifying for the third time or more, you must earn a minimum of 30* contact hours in direct care. The remaining 60 contact hours may be earned in either Direct or Indirect Care.

*Changed from no direct care requirement in the third or more recertification period.

Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Academic Students
Modified the types of coursework acceptable for continual learning and direct/indirect care determination as follows.
- Computer and mathematics courses may be acceptable if they enhance perianesthesia clinical practice.
- Added courses in nurse anesthesia, education, and evidence-based practice to the list of acceptable direct care courses noted in the recertification handbook.

Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Authors
Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for the specific activities as summarized below:
- Writing a 1-5 page journal article* is now 5 contact hours.
- Writing a 6-10 page journal article* is now 10 contact hours.
- Writing a 10+ page journal article* is now 15 contact hours.
- Serving as a book or journal reviewer is now 5 contact hours (per review).
- Writing an original research article* is now 25 contact hours.
- Writing a research abstract is now 5 contact hours.
- Writing doctoral thesis/capstone/dissertation is now 25 contact hours.
- Writing a master's thesis is now 15 contact hours.
- Serving as a newsletter editor is now 15 contact hours.
- Developing educational AVs for health care providers is now 5 contact hours (per activity).
- Developing a poster (for presentation) is now 7 contact hours.

Please note:
- All other hours noted on Chart A of the recertification handbook remain unchanged.
- There will no longer be contact hours awarded for developing a preceptor program.

*Based on % of authorship. For example, if you authored 80% of an original research article, you receive 20 contact hours.
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Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Facilitators of Quality Care
Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for the development of the specific activities summarized below:
- Standardized nursing care plans is now 3 contact hours.
- Nursing policy, procedure, directive or protocol is now 5 contact hours.
- Patient documentation is now 5 contact hours.
- Informational aids intended for use as a reference for staff is now 5 contact hours.
- Patient educational aids, booklets or audiovisual projects is now 5 contact hours.

Please note:
- All other hours noted on Chart B of the recertification handbook remain unchanged.
- There will no longer be contact hours awarded for creating evaluation tools based on outcome criteria in behavioral terms.

Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Resources/Leaders
Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for specific activities as described below:

All activities related to involvement in a professional organization, participating in legislative activities and participating in community activities will reflect the same amount of contact hours awarded, as follows:
- Five (5) contact hours awarded with a maximum of fifteen (15) hours over three years.

Thank you for reading ABPANC’s new guidelines and requirements. Please note that we are updating our certification and recertification handbooks. New versions will be available in July 2018.