

Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN®) and Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA®) Status Options



	What is it and who is it for?	Are contact hours required?	Does this need to be renewed?	Credential usage	Application Fees	Reentering perianesthesia nursing?
Reinstatement	Reinstatement is available to CPAN/CAPA certificants who meet eligibility requirements within the stated timeframe, but have missed the deadline to recertify. The reinstatement window will be open for 3 months following the end of the recertification window.	All certification requirements (practice hours and contact hours) must have been completed during the applicants three-year Recertification cycle.	Reinstatement must be completed within the 90 days following the end of the missed Recertification cycle. The Reinstatement period cannot be renewed.	The credentials cannot be used during the Reinstatement window.	\$175 Reinstatement fee, in addition to the Recertification fee.	N/A
Inactive Status	Inactive status is available to CPAN/CAPA certificants who do not meet eligibility requirements within the stated timeframe for recertification (practice hours or contact hours), and do not want to forfeit their credential.	No contact hours are required at the time of application; to regain full status, renewal requirements at the time of reactivation must be met. Contact and practice hours must be earned no earlier than the 3-years preceding the original recertification cycle end date.	Inactive status is conferred for one year and can be renewed with the payment of an annual inactive fee. The status will not extend beyond three years.	The credentials cannot be used while on inactive status.	\$100 per credential per year, with a maximum of three years.	N/A
Alumnus Status	Alumnus status is designed for CPAN/ CAPA-certified nurses who no longer meet eligibility for active certification (i.e. no longer working directly or indirectly in perianesthesia nursing), but are still in the nursing profession in some capacity and wish to remain connected with their credential.	No contact hours submission is required.	Alumnus status is renewable every 3 years.	The "Alumnus CPAN," "Alumnus CAPA," or "Alumnus CPAN/CAPA" may be used on a CV or resume or below an individual's name and credentials on a business card, but may not be used after a signature or on a professional name badge.	\$100 per three-year period.	Applicants can re-earn their CPAN/CAPA credential only by meeting the current exam eligibility criteria, paying the examination fee, and passing the CPAN or CAPA exam.
Retirement Status	Current CPAN and/or CAPA nurses in the last year of their certification who have a current, unrestricted RN license who have retired from perianesthesia nursing and do not intend to return.	Retirement status does not require a contact hours submission.	Retirement status does not need to be renewed.	Retirement status does not need to be renewed.	\$100/per certification	If a Retired CPAN/CAPA nurse intends to re-enter the workforce full-time, they may no longer use the retired designation and can only regain the CPAN/CAPA credential by meeting the current eligibility criteria, paying the examination fee, and passing the CPAN/ CAPA examination.