



CPEN[®] Recertification

Every four years, the Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) will need to renew or **recertify** to keep his or her certification active. The PNCB and BCEN believe that your continued growth in the field of pediatric emergency nursing is critical to providing high-quality health care to your patients.

What's required?

There are **three options** for recertification. CPENs will need to **document professional development activities equivalent to 100 contact hours** earned over a period of four years **or** chose a **CE plus nursing practice** option **or re-take the certification exam**.

Of the 100 contact hours submitted, 75 (clinical) must show clear and direct application to emergency, pediatric, or pediatric emergency nursing, and up to 25 (other) can be general nursing. One contact hour is equivalent to 60 minutes of instruction.

About Contact Hours

A minimum of 50 contact hours must be from accredited agencies. The remainder may be from non-accredited activities such as those listed in the following chart. All national accrediting agencies are accepted for your recertification. These include but are not limited to American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and State Nurses Associations/State Boards of Nursing (SNA/SBN). All contact hours for CPEN recertification must have been earned during the past 48 months prior to recertification enrollment.

Recertification Options	<i>How it can apply to your CPEN recertification</i>
<p>1. Continuing Education Option</p> <p>The following may be used to fulfill the CE option:</p>	<p>Of the 100 contact hours submitted: Minimum of 50 hours from accredited sources. The remaining 50 hours can be from non-accredited sources. and Minimum of 75 clinical and up to 25 other</p>
<p>Accredited Contact Hours</p>	<p>The contact hours have been awarded by a third party accreditor Examples include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference or seminar attendance • Lectures or presentations • Online education completion • Journal CE • Successful completion of PNCB's Pediatric Updates (formerly Standards Assessment Exams - SAEs) <p>Type: Accredited CE</p>

<p>Provider Courses</p> <p><i>ENPC, TNCC, PALS, PEPP, ACLS etc.</i></p>	<p>These courses may be counted as accredited CE when taken initially. Renewals will not count regardless of when completed.</p> <p>Type: Accredited CE</p>
<p>Non-accredited Contact Hours</p>	<p>This option is for contact hours earned from an educational activity that does not award accredited contact hours. One contact hour is equivalent to 60 minutes of instruction.</p> <p>Type: Non-accredited CE</p>
<p>Presentations and Lectures Given</p>	<p>Presentation or lectures given may count as a one-time accredited CE submission if the course provides accredited CE. The presentation cannot be counted if part of an educator's or faculty member's expected job performance.</p> <p>Presentations or lectures given that do not award contact hours to your audience can be counted as non-accredited CE. One contact hour is equivalent to 60 minutes of instruction.</p> <p>Type: Accredited or Non-accredited CE</p>
<p>Academic Credit</p>	<p>Must have earned a "C" or higher and content must apply to emergency, pediatric or pediatric emergency nursing from an accredited institution. General nursing academic credit is allowable for 25 out of 100 hours.</p> <p>1 Academic Credit Semester = 15 Contact Hours 1 Academic Quarter = 10 Contact Hours 1 Academic Trimester = 12 Contact Hours</p> <p>Type: Accredited CE</p>
<p>Preceptorship</p>	<p>80 hours of precepting are equivalent to 5 contact hours. A maximum of 5 contact hours will be accepted in a 4 year renewal cycle.</p> <p>Type: Non-accredited CE</p>
<p>Poster Presentations</p>	<p>5 Contact Hours per poster developed. An individual will be allowed to submit a poster only once during the renewal period.</p> <p>Posters for which contact hours were awarded count as accredited CE.</p> <p>Type: Accredited or Non-accredited CE</p>
<p>Item Writing</p>	<p>This option can be used up to a maximum of 5 non-accredited contact hours per year. This option is for BCEN, CPEN and PNCB item writing. Items writers will count 0.5 contact hours per item written and accepted for review up to a maximum of 10 items.</p> <p>Type: Non-accredited CE</p>

<p>Authoring</p>	<p>Publication must be peer-reviewed and content must be specific to pediatric, emergency or pediatric emergency nursing. *Co-authorship credit is distributed evenly among all authors.</p> <p>Article = 5 Contact Hours Chapter/module = 10 Contact Hours Textbook regardless of page number = 50 Contact Hours</p> <p>Type: Accredited CE</p>
<p>Committee Participation</p>	<p>This option is for nursing committee membership in local, regional, state or national level committees and BCEN, CPEN and PNCB committee participation and can be used for a maximum of 5 non-accredited contact hours per year regardless of the number of committees served on.</p> <p>Type: Non-accredited CE</p>
<p>2. Clinical Practice Hours plus CE option</p>	<p>40 Hours of accredited CE with a clear and direct application to pediatric emergency nursing plus 1000 hours of hands-on care with pediatric patients in emergency settings. Nursing practice includes providing direct care, health care facilitation, education and advocacy for patients and families with urgent- care or emergent-care needs.</p> <p>Type: Accredited CE</p>
<p>3. Exam as a renewal option</p>	<p>You may elect to re-take the exam again. You will not be required to submit contact hours when choosing this option.</p>