



### **Guidelines for Selecting CE for Retest Applications and Possible List of CE Providers**

The following guidelines are intended to help PNCB exam candidate retesters select appropriate CE for retest applications. PNCB staff PNPs review all submitted CE to determine if each course is acceptable, considering the defined role, domains, and tasks on the exam's content outline. The reviewers consider a variety of requirements, most importantly, that the topics are relevant enough to help the exam candidate prepare to retake the exam.

1. **Advanced practice nursing content:** CE courses should focus on advanced practice nursing, not bedside nursing/RN level practice.
2. **Pediatric-specific content:** CE courses that have a broad population focus are unlikely to discuss the type of pediatric-focused knowledge required to pass a **Pediatric** NP board certification exam. Assessment, Diagnosis, and Management of any given condition in an adult are unlikely to be the same as in the pediatric patient. Do not submit CE that is adult-focused or about adult conditions; it will not be accepted.
3. **Primary Care versus Acute Care:** The CPNP-PC and CPNP-AC roles and exams are unique and distinct. CE submitted as part of a retest statement should be applicable to the appropriate exam and role. While there can be some overlap in conditions seen, generally, acute care content focuses on higher acuity, critical, or complex/chronic presentations, and conditions, while primary care focuses on health maintenance and promotion of physical and psychosocial well-being and assessment, diagnosis, and management of common childhood illnesses, diseases, and conditions.
4. **Choosing the Domain to which your CE applies:** Always refer to the exam content outline as a guide. Be sure to read through the tasks on the content outline, not just the title of the Domain, to help provide clarity.

After reviewing the learning objectives and content of the course, choose which Domain of your exam's content outline you think the content relates to most. Sometimes, it may seem difficult to determine which Domain applies since many CE modules cover a near-equal split of assessment, diagnosis, and/or management of a condition. It is recommended in these cases to use your best judgement to decide, and if deciding between two Domains, you may opt to put it in whichever category that you need more CE hours.

Please note that the Primary Care Content Outline's Domain 1 is very focused on health promotion, safety, and wellness, so many clinical conditions do not fit in this category. Instead, choose CE that is focused on anticipatory guidance, growth, and development, or other tasks in this domain.

## Primary Care Retesters – Possible List of CE Providers to Meet Retest Requirements

PNCB does not endorse the content or approve specific CE agencies. The list of organizations below was created from a review of CPNP-PC retest forms, and providers are listed in alphabetical order. This list is not inclusive of all possible CE providers, but is provided as a guide to assist you when searching for CE.

*\*The following list is intended as a resource for CPNP-PC retesters searching for CE to meet retest requirements. Only modules/courses from these CE providers that are **specific to PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE and ADVANCED PRACTICE** will be accepted.*

Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare (AKH)  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)  
Annenberg Center for Health Sciences  
Barkley Associates  
CEUfast Nursing CE  
Children's Hospital Association (CHA) (APRN CE Only)  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's National Medical Center  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Clinical Care Options (CCO)  
CME Outfitters (all pediatric content is primary care)  
Continuing Education, Inc.  
Endocrine Society  
Fitzgerald Health Associates  
Harvard Medical School CME  
Haymarket Medical Education  
HealthStream (APRN CE Only)  
Integrity Continuing Education  
Lurie Children's Hospital  
Mayo Clinic Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine CME  
Medscape  
Medline University  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)  
NetCE (APRN CE Only)  
Nursing CE (APRN CE Only)  
Open Pediatrics  
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)  
Physicians' Education Resources (PER)  
Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM)  
Pri-Med Institute  
Relias (APRN CE Only)  
Seattle Children's Hospital  
StatPearls (APRN -PEDIATRIC focused CE Only)  
Texas Health Steps  
The Academy for Continued Healthcare Learning  
The University of Chicago Medicine and Biological Sciences  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) CE center  
Vindico Medical Education