

# GUIDELINES FOR RECERTIFICATION THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

To apply for recertification through continuing education, 75 nursing contact hours (CH) of continuing education must be submitted for consideration before your current CRNO expires. Ophthalmology specific content is not automatically accepted. Providers must meet the criteria stated below. Know and understand the accreditation requirements.

All CHs must have been completed during the five years prior to the candidate's certification renewal date and may be accumulated in any combination of the following:

- A *minimum* of 60 contact hours must be in sections I through IV of the content outline included in the [Certification Handbook for Candidates](#). These are (I) Ocular Conditions, (II) Pharmacology, (III) Nursing Assessment of the Ophthalmic Patient, and (IV) Clinical and Perioperative Procedures. Contact hours must be representative of a variety of content areas. All 75 CH may be ophthalmology specific.
- Up to 15 contact hours may be in Academic Courses or on Professional Issues (handbook section V).

**A. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS.** These may include workshops, seminars, professional development offerings, home-study courses, webinars, online, and state or national conferences. The continuing education offering must be provided by or approved for nursing contact hours by one of the following (Please note that ACLS, BCLS, PALS, and CPR courses/credits are not accepted toward recertification):

- An organization accredited as a provider or an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA).
- A state nurses association (SNA).
- A Registered Nurse or a Registered Nursing organization that is accredited as a provider of continuing education for nurses by a State Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).
- An ophthalmology-related organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide physician CME. One 60 minute physician session accredited by the ACCME equals 1.0 nursing contact hour.

The Contact Hour provider/sponsor must be identified to allow a reviewer to recognize the organization and the type of accreditation they maintain. Use state abbreviations, names of nursing organizations, names of hospital or college, etc. The applicant may be requested to show proof of number of hours for each CH completed.

**B. ACADEMIC COURSES.** Each individual academic credit will be considered as ten (10) CHs. Courses may be undergraduate or graduate level and a transcript of successful completion may be requested.

**C. OTHER TYPES OF CREDIT.** Credits can be earned by participating in the following activities:

- Publication writing: 5 CHs per chapter (limit 25 CHs per renewal)
- Journal article writing: 2 CHs per article (limit 10 CHs per renewal)
- Educational Presentations: 2 CHs per presentation (Limit 10 CHs per renewal. Presentation must be preapproved and last at least 60 minutes to be considered.)
- Multimedia/Poster: 2 CHs per media item (limit 10 CHs per renewal)
- Research Abstract: 1 CH per abstract (limit 5 CHs per renewal)
- Text Book Editor: 10 CHs per text (limit 40 CHs per renewal)

All program information must be listed on the Application for Ophthalmic Nursing Recertification through Continuing Education and must include date, program title, provider or sponsor, type of accreditation and number of CHs awarded. Candidates will be notified of application decision within four weeks of the end of the respective examination period (March 19 or September 24). If criteria are deemed fulfilled, a new five-year certificate, effective the renewal date, will be issued to the CRNO.

**DEADLINES:** All applications for CE recertification must be received by:

- January 31 for those who first certified or recertified in February or March.
- July 31 for those who first certified or recertified in August or September.

**DENIAL OF RECERTIFICATION:** Recertification may be denied for failure to meet the criteria of 75 contact hours as outlined above in the first paragraph of these guidelines, falsification or misrepresentation of information, failure to apply before the stated deadlines, or failure to verify information when proper documentation is requested. Recertification will be denied to any candidate who does not have a current RN license.

**AUDIT:** All applications are subject to potential audit. Copies of certificates and/or transcripts will be requested. Applications will be randomly selected for audit and the candidate will receive written notice of the audit at that time.

**APPEAL PROCESS:** NCBORN provides an appeal mechanism for challenging the denial of recertification. It is the responsibility of the candidate to initiate the process in writing.

**LAPSE:** If certification has lapsed, a candidate must meet current eligibility requirements and take the Certification Examination for Ophthalmic Registered Nurses.

**CONTACT:** Applications for Ophthalmic Nursing Recertification through Continuing Education are available from Professional Testing Corporation, 1350 Broadway, Suite 800, New York, New York 10018, ([www.ptcny.com](http://www.ptcny.com)) or (212) 356-0660.

### **COMPLETION OF APPLICATION**

*NOTE: A # 2 pencil or black or blue ink may be used to complete the Application.*

#### **PAGES 1 AND 2:**

- In the Candidate Information Box on page 1 of the Application, print your name, email, complete address and telephone numbers in the rows of empty boxes, as shown in the marking sample.
- **IMPORTANT:** At the bottom of the Candidate Information Box, indicate the date(s) of your original NCBORN certification and (if applicable) recertification, then enter your RN license information, including state and expiration date.
- The Eligibility and Background Information Box beginning on page 1 of the Application contains a series of questions identified by the letters A, B, C, D, etc. Fill in the oval that reflects your response to each question. *NOTE: All questions must be answered.*
- Be certain to fill the corresponding ovals completely. Do not make x's, dots, circles, or check marks, but fill the oval completely making your marks dark enough so that the letter in the oval cannot be seen.
- **OPTIONAL INFORMATION:** The information requested on page 2 of the application form relating to race, gender, and age is optional. It is requested to assist in complying with equal opportunity guidelines. It will be used only in statistical summaries and will in no way affect your recertification.
- Sign and date the application in the space provided at the bottom of page 2.

#### **PAGES 3, 4 AND 5:**

- Following the directions on pages 3 and 4, and 5 complete Sections A, B, C and D, as appropriate in full.
- Sign and date the authorizing statement in Section E on page 5. *NOTE: Unsigned applications will not be accepted.* Mail the completed application form along with the appropriate fee to:

NCBORN Recertification Processing  
Professional Testing Corporation  
1350 BROADWAY, SUITE 800  
NEW YORK, NY 10018

### **FEES**

Application fee for Recertification of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses through Continuing Education:

ASORN Member .....	\$350.00
ASORN NonMember .....	\$450.00

**CREDIT CARD:** Complete the Credit Card Payment section on page 2 of the Application.

**NOTE:** There will be no refunds of recertification application fees.