

CCRN (Certified Critical Care Nurse) and CEN (Certification in Emergency Nursing)

CCRN/PCCN RENEWAL HANDBOOK*

Excerpts from the complete Handbook, available at American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) - http://www.aacn.org/WD/Certifications/Docs/CCRN_PCCN_Renew_Book.pdf

CATEGORY C - Collaboration, Systems Thinking

10 CERPs Minimum / 30 CERPs Maximum

Examples: Communication skills, teamwork, healthy work environments, AACN Synergy Model for Patient Care, disaster/emergency planning, developing policies or procedures, serving on committees, leadership, management, risk management, community resources, case management, volunteering that utilizes clinical judgment, membership in professional nursing or healthcare organization (e.g., AACN, ANA).

Category Minimum/Maximum A 60/80 - B 10/30 - C 10/30 - Total 100

A total of 100 CERPs must be completed in the 3-year certification period, with at least 60 CERPs in Category A and 10 CERPs each in Categories B and C - plus 20 CERPs in the category of your choice. The list of examples on this page is not all-inclusive. For additional examples please refer to handbook.

HOW TO CALCULATE CERPS

Continuing Education Recognition Points (CERPs) are calculated according to the educational contact hour for seminars or lectures. For purposes of certification renewal, one (1) hour of education time is equal to 1 CERP. For example, a 1-hour in-service would be worth 1 CERP; an education program that awarded 6 contact hours, 6 CEs, 6 CMEs or 6 CNEs would be worth 6 CERPs. CERPs are not awarded for registration, introductions, breaks, lunch, clinical time or for completion of certification exams. For Academic Credit Courses, one (1) credit is worth 15 CERPs. For example, a 3-credit course would be worth 45 CERPs.

The following applies for AACN or other national organizations. If the program was not formally granted contact hours (e.g., hospital or unit in-services), submit:

- Written verification of attendance, including name of participant, date(s) of attendance, title of course and hours of course (minus breaks and lunch), signed by educator, course director or supervisor.
- Written verification from the organization.
- Written documentation (brochure) of the volunteer organization's (non-AACN) values & mission statement.
- Photocopy of membership card.

(These examples may apply to some common UC San Diego volunteer opportunities.)

- Participation in a think tank 10 CERPs per year
- Participation in a work group 10 CERPs per year
- Volunteering in healthcare mission (e.g., Flying SAMS, Project Concern, health fairs, manning a first aid booth at a community event). Activity must utilize nursing clinical judgment.
1 CERP per hour – up to max of 8 CERPs per renewal period.

Acceptable Proof for Category C CERPs

If selected for audit, submit all of the following that apply:

- Photocopy of CE certificate that has your name, date(s) of attendance, title of course and contact hours.
- Written verification from organization on initiative or leadership role of team to solve patient care problem.
- Photocopy of formal transcript or grade report. If course title or subject is not identifiable as relating to Category C, include course description or brief profile of content.

*This is *not* a complete list of categories or activities required for CCRN Renewal; please contact AACN Certification Corporation at (800) 899-2226 or e-mail them at certcorp@aacn.org if you have questions about renewal eligibility, requirements, approved activities, acceptable proof, etc.