

Your Quick Guide to the New

CPC REQUIREMENTS

The Recertification Requirements Have Changed

Are You Ready?

From Confusion to Clarity

If you're confused by the new CPC program, you're not alone. We created this resource to help you understand how the new requirements will affect you.

Details on the New CPC Program

The goal of the CPC program is to enhance your professional development. By staying up-to-date on current practice trends, CRNAs will continue to lead the way in delivering high quality patient care.

When Does the New CPC Program Start?

- EVEN year cycle starts 8/1/20
*For the 2020 cycle only, this date has been pushed back to 11/30/20 (due to COVID-19).
- ODD year cycle starts 8/1/21
- If you graduated in or after 2016, then your new cycle will begin 4 years later on the 1st of the month after your initial certification.
- You can begin your recertification application in April in the year you're due to recertify.

When Is the 2-Year Check-In?

- EVEN year cycle must check-in 4/22 - 7/22
- ODD year cycle 2019 must check-in 4/23 - 7/23
- If you graduated in or after 2016, then your 2-year check-in must be completed no later than 2 years after your initial certification.

The 4 C's of Recertification

	Requirement	Quantity	Frequency
1	Class A Credits	60	Every 4 Years
2	Class B Credits	40	Every 4 Years
3	Core Modules	4	Every 4 Years
4	CPC Assessment	1	Every 8 Years

CE Credits & Core Modules

Start Here

Credits

60 Class A Credits

CE activities that require an assessment and have prior approval by the AANA:

- Activities include online courses, live meetings, and webinars.
- Assessments include discussion, simulation, case study, self-assessment, or a post-test.
- Authorized vendors will provide AANA prior approval verification.

40 Class B Credits

CE activities that do NOT require an assessment or prior approval by the AANA:

- Activities include precepting students, conducting research, or teaching.
- If you're an AANA member, you can report your Class B credits on their website. If you're not an AANA member, you can report your credits directly to the NBCRNA.
- Class A credits can be applied to your Class B requirement (but not the other way around).

CPC Core Modules


The goal of the CPC Core Modules is to keep your clinical practice up-to-date by providing you with the current evidence-based practice trends.

The Core Modules focus on the four domains of Nurse Anesthesia practice:

- 1 Airway Management
- 2 Applied Clinical Pharmacology
- 3 Physiology and Pathophysiology
- 4 Anesthesia Equipment and Technology

Key Points:

- The NBCRNA must officially recognize each vendor's modules.
- Starting in 2020 they are mandatory during every 4-year recertification cycle.
- The quality, content, mode of delivery, and cost-per-credit varies from one vendor to the next.
- By completing the CPC Core Modules, you're earning Class A credits at the same time.
- The core modules are NOT intended to be a comprehensive review for the CPC Assessment, but some vendors may also include review material to help you prepare.

 [Learn more about activities that award Class B credits](#)

CPC Assessment & Cost Analysis

Take The Test

CPC Assessment

The CPC Assessment covers the four domains of Nurse Anesthesia practice: airway management, applied clinical pharmacology, physiology & pathophysiology, and anesthesia equipment and technology.

- You'll take the assessment every 8 years.
- You'll have 3 hours to answer 150 test questions.
- The NBCRNA will only allow you to take the CPCA at certain times during the year (2021 testing windows are available in August and November).
- You can either take the CPC Assessment in a testing center or from the comfort of your home with a virtual proctor.

What Happens If You Don't Meet the Passing Standard?

CPC Assessment Cycle (2020/21 - 2024/25):

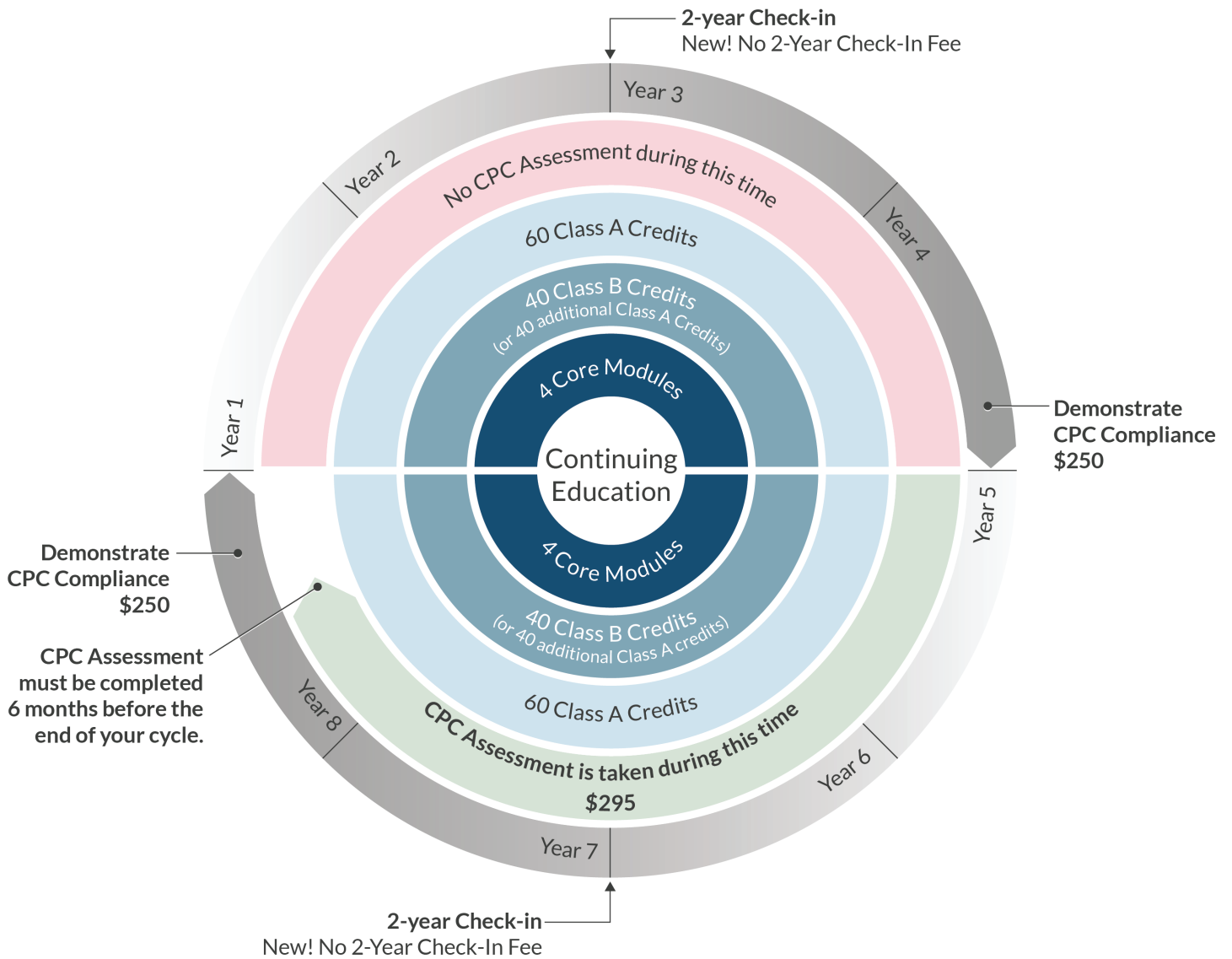
- This exam and future exams serve as a personal assessment.
- Your certification will NOT be affected by your results.
- If you don't meet the passing standard in any of the four domains, you must complete at least 1 Class A Credit in each domain where the passing standard is not met.

What Are the Costs?

Credits	\$\$ Determined by vendor
Core Modules	\$\$ Determined by vendor
CPC Assessment	\$295
CPC Recertification Fee	\$250 (Paid to the NBCRNA every 4 years)
2-Year Check-In	No fee

CPC Assessment Cycle

Review the Requirements



Need Class A Credits?

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We believe that better education leads to better patient care, but we understand that setting aside time for learning feels like a chore.

APEX creates engaging, easy-to-use online courses that give busy CRNAs everything they need to recertify in one place.

- Use your computer, smartphone, or tablet.
- Earn your credits at your own pace during your subscription period.
- Open-book CE post-tests take the stress out of passing an exam, and you'll get 3 chances to pass each one.
- All courses are approved by the AANA for Class A credits.
- Our CPC Core Modules are recognized by the NBCRNA.
- Our CPC Core Modules give you the content in three ways (video, audio, and PDF), so you can use the format that's best for you. You'll get access to all three!
- If you're an AANA member, we'll report your credits for you. We report credits Monday - Friday.
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Choose the Right Course for You

