



## **ABPANC Board of Directors Changes CPAN® and CAPA® Recertification Requirements**

Congratulations! ABPANC Recognizes Clinical Expertise with fewer CPAN® and CAPA® CE Requirements.

ABPANC has recognized the need to update its recertification requirements. With these changes, approved by the ABPANC Board of Directors in April, CPAN® and CAPA® recertification renewal hours have been updated.

All changes are effective July 1, 2018.



## Changes to Clinical Practice Hour Requirements:

### **New Recertification Clinical Practice Hours Requirement:**

Individuals seeking **recertification** must have accrued a minimum of **900\*** hours of **perianesthesia nursing practice** as a Registered Nurse during their three year period of certification. Clinical practice hours may be earned as a perianesthesia staff nurse, manager, and educator or researcher roles.

\*Changed from 1,200 hours

Please note that all other eligibility requirements for recertification remain in place and unchanged.



## **Additional Changes to ABPANC Recertification Process**

### **Changes to the Third or More Recertification Period**

If you are recertifying for the third time or more, you must earn a minimum of 30\* contact hours in direct care. The remaining 60 contact hours may be earned in either Direct or Indirect Care.

\*Changed from no direct care requirement in the third or more recertification period.

### **Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Academic Students**

Modified the types of coursework acceptable for continual learning and direct/indirect care determination as follows.

- o Computer and mathematics courses may be acceptable if they enhance perianesthesia clinical practice.
- o Added courses in nurse anesthesia, education, and evidence-based practice to the list of acceptable direct care courses noted in the recertification handbook.

### **Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Authors**

Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for the specific activities as summarized below:

- o Writing a 1-5 page journal article\* is now **5 contact hours**.
- o Writing a 6-10 page journal article\* is now **10 contact hours**.
- o Writing a 10+ page journal article\* is now **15 contact hours**.
- o Serving as a book or journal reviewer is now **5 contact hours (per review)**.
- o Writing an original research article\* is now **25 contact hours**.
- o Writing a research abstract is now **5 contact hours**.
- o Writing doctoral thesis/capstone/dissertation is now **25 contact hours**.
- o Writing a master's thesis is now **15 contact hours**.
- o Serving as a newsletter editor is now **15 contact hours**.
- o Developing educational AVs for health care providers is now **5 contact hours (per activity)**.
- o Developing a poster (for presentation) is now **7 contact hours**.

Please note:

- All other hours noted on Chart A of the recertification handbook remain unchanged.
- There will no longer be contact hours awarded for developing a preceptor program.

\*Based on % of authorship. For example, if you authored 80% of an original research article, you receive 20 contact hours.



## **Additional Changes to ABPANC Recertification Process**

### **Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Facilitators of Quality Care**

Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for the development of the specific activities summarized below:

- o Standardized nursing care plans is now **3 contact hours**.
- o Nursing policy, procedure, directive or protocol is now **5 contact hours**.
- o Patient documentation is now **5 contact hours**.
- o Informational aids intended for use as a reference for staff is now **5 contact hours**.
- o Patient educational aids, booklets or audiovisual projects is now **5 contact hours**.

Please note:

- All other hours noted on Chart B of the recertification handbook remain unchanged.
- There will no longer be contact hours awarded for creating evaluation tools based on outcome criteria in behavioral terms.

### **Changes to Contact Hours for CPAN® and CAPA® as Resources/Leaders**

Modified the amount of contact hours awarded for specific activities as described below:

All activities related to **involvement in a professional organization, participating in legislative activities and participating in community activities** will reflect the same amount of contact hours awarded, as follows:

- o Five (5) contact hours awarded with a maximum of fifteen (15) hours over three years.

**Thank you for reading ABPANC's new guidelines and requirements. Please note that we are updating our certification and recertification handbooks.**

**New versions will be available in July 2018.**