



Renew Your BCEN® Credentials Every Four Years

Stay Certified.



Maintain your clinical expertise and advance your career by recertifying your BCEN certifications. All credentialed nurses are required to recertify every four years to keep their certification active.

Candidates may renew their credentials in one of two ways: by CE attestation or by exam. Explore the benefits of each and choose the right path for you:



Recertification by CE Attestation

Attest that you meet the CE requirements of 100 completed contact hours earned within your 4-year recertification period.

- 75 of the 100 contact hours must be of clinical content; up to 25 may be non-clinical.
- 50 of the 100 hours must be from accredited sources
- BCEN Learn offers courses, webinars and practice exams you can use to earn CEs for recertification.

1. Access your BCEN account to apply.
2. Complete the Recertification by Attestation form.
3. Attest that you have obtained **all 100 CEs prior to the date of your attestation.**
4. Submit your application before your current certification expires.
5. Keep copies of your CEs in case you are selected for an audit.



Recertification by Exam

Schedule, take and pass a BCEN certification exam.

You can choose to sit for an in-person exam at a testing location, or take the test from home with live remote proctoring via BCEN's test delivery provider, PSI Exams.



1. Complete the Recertification by Exam form.
2. Choose between an in-person exam at any PSI testing facility, or live remote proctoring from home.
3. Submit the application before your current certification expires.
4. Once your eligibility has been approved, schedule an in-person or online exam.
5. You must schedule and take your exam within 90 days of application.

ACCREDITED CE TYPES

Continuing Education Courses *such as ENPC, TNCC, PALS, or ACLS.*

One initial and one renewal course for each provider may only be submitted once during your current recertification period. Must be nursing level education or higher. **BLS (CPR) will NOT be accepted.**

- **60 minutes = 1 contact hour.**

Certificate for each completed course showing contact hours earned must be included.

BCENLearn

Interactive online courses, practice exams and webinars available to be submitted once during current recertification period.

- **Credits are automatically uploaded to your CE tracker upon completion**
 - **Approved by California Board of Registered Nursing**
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Presentations or Lectures *if accredited CE was provided*

The same presentation, or lecture, may only be submitted once during your current recertification period.

- **60 minutes = 1 contact hour**
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Academic Credit

Must have earned a "C" or higher and content must apply to emergency (CEN), pediatric emergency, flight/ground transport (CFRN/CTRN), trauma (TCRN), or burn (CBRN) nursing from an accredited institution.

- **1 semester course = 15 contact hours**
 - **1 quarter course = 0 contact hours**
 - **1 trimester course = 12 contact**
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Preceptorship

A maximum of 15 contact hour will be accepted during your current recertification period.

- **1 semester = 15 contact hours**
- **1 quarter = 10 contact hours**
- **1 trimester = 12 contact hours**

in order to use preceptorship toward your recertifications, the nurse(s) you precepted must have earned college credits for being precepted.

Authoring

Publications must be peer-reviewed and content must be specific to emergency (CEN), pediatric emergency (CPEN), flight/transport (CFRN/CTRN), trauma (TCRN), or burn (CBRN) nursing. If co-authored, credit must be distributed evenly among authors.

- **Article = 5 contact hours**
 - **Chapter/module = 10 contact hours**
 - **Textbook = 50 contact hours**
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All national accrediting agencies are accepted for BCEN recertification. These include, but are not limited to, American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and State Nurses Associations/State Boards of Nursing (SNA/SBN).