



*BCEN accepts contact hours awarded by all national nursing accrediting agencies. These include, but are not limited to, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), Society of Trauma Nurses (STN), American Burn Association (ABA), Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA), and State Nurses Associations/State Boards of Nursing (SNA/SBN).

Accepted Continuing Education (CE) Activities

To recertify by CE, BCEN has minimum requirements for contact hours earned through nursing continuing education activities. One contact hour (1 CE) = 60 minutes of learning activity.

Any educational activity that primarily applies to direct patient care or clinical practice may count toward clinical CE requirements, while other professional topics are considered non-clinical CE. Accredited CE is formally reviewed and approved by a recognized body to meet quality and regulatory standards.

C At least 75 CE must be of clinical content. **N** Up to 25 non-clinical CE may be accepted.

A A minimum of 75 hours must be from accredited sources.

Continuing Education Courses or Activities

Such as ENPC, TNCC, PALS, ACLS, NRP, in-person and virtual conferences, or employer-required nursing CE.

- BLS (CPR) is not accepted.
- Only one initial and one renewal for ENPC, TNCC, NRP, PALS, and ACLS may be submitted per 4-year certification period.
- Initial ACLS and/or PALS = 8 CE; renewal = 4 CE (unless additional contact hours are documented.)

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Presentations or Lectures

Education provided to colleagues (e.g., teaching TNCC, providing a unit in-service.)

- The same presentation or lecture may only be submitted once per recertification period.
- Presentations or lectures that are part of an educator or faculty job role are not accepted.

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Academic Credit

Nursing-focused coursework applicable to the specialty, completed at an accredited institution.

- 1 academic credit hour = 5 CE
- Maximum of 50 CE accepted per recertification period.
- Final grade of C or higher required for CE credit.

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Preceptor of a Student Nurse

Precept a student earning college credit in an academic nursing program (e.g., BSN, MSN, or doctoral program.)

- 1 academic credit hour = 5 CE
- Maximum of 30 CE accepted per recertification period.
- Precepting a new nurse in the specialty is not accepted.

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Authoring or Editing

Peer-reviewed publications specific to emergency, pediatric emergency, transport, trauma, or burn nursing.

- Article = 15 CE; Chapter/Module = 30 CE; Clinical Practice Guidelines = 15 CE

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Poster Presentation

Poster accepted at a nursing industry conference.

- 1 poster = 5 CE
- Workplace posters are considered Presentations or Lectures (non-accredited).

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BCENLearn

Accredited online courses, review courses, practice exams, and webinars provided by BCEN.

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Community Education

Health-related education provided in the community (not in a clinical practice setting.)

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Review complete BCEN recertification requirements and guidelines at [BCEN.org/recertify](https://www.bcen.org/recertify)

Track contact hours using the CE tracker in your BCEN account at login.bcen.org

Questions? Reach out at [BCEN.org/contact-us](https://www.bcen.org/contact-us)



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