

Recertification applications must be postmarked by June 30 to be considered on time. A late fee payment of \$35 will allow postmark through September 30. However, the extension cannot be used to obtain CE credits; all continuing education must be earned by June 30.

## Your Responsibilities

Keep documentation of continuing education, such as CE certificates, college transcripts, or copies of syllabi for programs you presented. ONCB provides a preceptor verification form on its Web site if you plan to use preceptor credit toward recertification. You will need to provide this documentation if your application is selected for random audit.

ONCB will send you several notices regarding recertification deadlines. However, because delivery cannot be guaranteed, it is your responsibility to ensure your recertification application is received by ONCB prior to the published deadline.

Allow a minimum of 8 weeks from receipt of your application for processing by ONCB. If you need new documents before the June 30 expiration date, your application must be received by ONCB by March 31.



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More information about recertification, including CE options, is available on the ONCB Web site.

# A Quick Look at ONCB Recertification



# Recertification

Certification granted by the ONCB is valid for 5 years for all credentials (ONC®, OCNS-C®, and ONP-C®).

All recertification candidates must have a current, unrestricted RN license. OCNS-C and ONP-C credential holders must be practicing in the clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner roles, respectively.

## Options

Credential holders can recertify by retesting before the expiration date of their certifications (June 30). They must meet all eligibility requirements and pay current fees to test.

Recertification also can be granted based on a combination of continuing education and practice:

### ONC

- 1000 hours practice during previous 5 years, plus
- 100 contact hours of education (minimum 70 hours in clinical orthopaedics, up to 30 hours in general nursing)

ONCB defines practice broadly for the ONC, to include direct patient care roles, education, case management, consulting, and management.

### OCNS-C and ONP-C

- 1500 hours practice as CNS or NP during previous 5 years, plus
- 125 contact hours of education (minimum 100 hours in clinical orthopaedics, up to 25 hours in general nursing)

# Continuing Education Categories

**CNE** – Credit is awarded for programs from an approved provider of continuing nursing education.

**CME** – Credit is awarded for programs that have been formally approved for credit as continuing medical education. ONCs can submit up to 35 CME credits in Category A and up to 15 CME credits in Category B. OCNS-C and ONP-C credential holders can submit up to 75 CME credits in Category A and up to 10 CME credits in Category B.

## Academic Education

- 15 contact hours per semester credit hour
- 12.5 contact hours per quarter credit hour
- 6.25 contact hours per credit hour for 5½ week term

## Professional Publications

- Authorship of entire book, CD, audiotape = 15 contact hours
- Authorship of chapter in a published book, single topic on CD or audiotape = 10 contact hours
- Authorship of an article published in a refereed journal = 5 contact hours

*Note: Credit is given for professional publications only, not for staff or patient education materials.*

## Professional Presentations

- 30 minutes of lecture = 2 contact hours

*Note: Credit is given only for professional presentations carrying continuing education credit, not for staff inservices or patient education.*

## Poster Presentations

- Poster development = 1 contact hour
- Poster development and presentation = 3 contact hours

*Note: Credit is given for poster presentations at professional meetings only, not for hospital or patient posters.*

## Precepting – Category B credit only

- 80 hours of preceptorship = 5 contact hours
- One award can be used by ONCs, two by OCNS-C or ONP-C credential holders, in a 5-year certification term.



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