## ONCB Summary
### Recertification by Continuing Education

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<td>5 years</td>
<td>(Initial certification expires on 5th occurrence of June 30 after a year of certification; then uniform expiration on June 30.)</td>
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<td>1000 worked hours in musculoskeletal health in 5-year certification term</td>
<td>Experience defined broadly for ONC: accepts but not limited to administration/management, adult care, clinic/office, critical/emergency care, education, home health, long-term care, medical-surgical nursing, oncology, surgery, pediatrics, rehabilitation (acute/subacute).</td>
<td>1500 worked hours in musculoskeletal health in 5-year certification term in the role of nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, based on awarded credential; experience can be in any clinical setting in which patients with musculoskeletal diagnoses receive care.</td>
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<td>75 total: minimum of 50 in Category A, maximum of 25 in Category B</td>
<td>If 75 or more contact hours are earned in Category A, applicant does not need to submit Category B contact hours. 1 contact hour = 60 minutes</td>
<td>100 total: minimum of 65 in Category A, maximum of 35 in Category B</td>
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<td><em>See list of required documentation for each type of activity on LearningBuilder.</em></td>
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**One-time credit for passing ONCB certification examination**  
(Can be used only for the first recertification after earning the credential)  

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<td><strong>Completion of home study in nursing, medicine, or allied health</strong> (e.g., journal article, online educational module)</td>
<td>Program sponsor must be an approved provider of CNE, CME, or allied health education. Contact hour credit determined by program sponsor; may be Category A or B based on content.</td>
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<td><strong>Attendance at nursing workshop/conference</strong></td>
<td>Program sponsor must be an approved provider of continuing nursing education (CNE). Contact hour credit determined by program sponsor; may be Category A or B based on content. Some longer activities may receive partial credit in both Category A and Category B.</td>
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<td><strong>Continuing medical education (CME) or allied health education from workshop/conference</strong></td>
<td>25 maximum CME/Allied health contact hours in Category A 12 maximum CME/Allied health contact hours in Category B</td>
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CME credits must be from a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or other approved providers of physician continuing medical education. Allied health credits must be from a provider approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), or the Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC). EDUCATION FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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| **Presentation at professional nursing workshop/conference offered for CE credit** (*no credit for staff or community education without CE credit for activity from an approved provider; no credit for patient education) | 30 minutes of presentation = 2 contact hours  
May be Category A or B based on content.  
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| **Community presentation of professionally developed educational programs** (e.g., Own the Bone, Fit to a T)  
(Presentation must be part of a volunteer activity not related to employment responsibilities) | 1 hour of presentation = 0.5 contact hours  
Credit not given for presentations of less than 1 hour. | 1 hour of presentation = 0.5 contact hours  
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| **Poster presentation at professional nursing workshop/conference offered for CE credit**  
(poster presentation given CE credit by an approved provider of continuing nursing education) | Poster development = 1 contact hour  
Poster development and presentation = 4 contact hours | Poster development = 1 contact hour  
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| **Poster presentation at hospital or for community/patient education activity**  
(CE credit given for single presentation only) | Poster development and presentation = 0.5 contact hours | Poster development and presentation = 0.5 contact hours |
| **Authorship** | • Entire book, CD, audiotape = 15 contact hours  
• Chapter in published book; single topic on CD or audiotape = 10 contact hours  
• Article published in a refereed/peer-reviewed journal = 5 contact hours  
• NAON-sponsored practice point = 5 contact hours  
• Completed graduate thesis/dissertation = 15 contact hours  
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| **Preceptorship** (must use ONCB Preceptor Verification Form) | • 80 hours of preceptorship (student, orientee) = 5 contact hours  
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| **Academic education** (e.g., BSN, graduate education) | • 1 semester credit hour = 15 contact hours  
• 1 quarter credit hour = 12.5 contact hours  
• 1 credit hour 5 ½ week term = 6.25 contact hours  
May be Category A or B based on content; some courses (e.g., pathophysiology, assessment, pharmacology) may have partial Category A credit, but most courses are appropriate for Category B credit based on evaluation of course objectives. | • 1 semester credit hour = 15 contact hours  
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| **Athletic trainer continuing education** | Not accepted for ONC recertification | • Accepted for ONP-C and OCNS-C recertification only  
• Maximum of 10 contact hours accepted in either category  
Contact hour credit determined by program sponsor; may be Category A or B based on content. Some longer activities may receive partial credit in both Category A and Category B. |

*A course syllabus MUST be submitted for all academic courses claimed under Category A so possible musculoskeletal content can be evaluated.*
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| **Organizational leadership** (Category B credit ONLY) | • Officer of national specialty nursing or professional organization (e.g., NAON, AANP, Sigma Theta Tau) = 5 contact hours  
• Officer of chapter for national specialty nursing or professional organization = 3 contact hours  
• Chair of a local event (e.g., Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run) = 5 contact hours  
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| **ONCB item writing or exam maintenance activities** | • Participation in biennial ONCB-sponsored 2-day Item Writing Workshop = 16 contact hours in Category A  
• Participation in Advisory Committee for ONCB job analysis = 5 contact hours in Category A  
• Participation in Passing Point Panel for ONCB passing point studies = 5 contact hours in Category A | • Participation in biennial ONCB-sponsored 2-day Item Writing Workshop = 16 contact hours in Category A  
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• Participation in Passing Point Panel for ONCB passing point studies = 5 contact hours in Category A |

Certificant must participate in the entire activity to receive credit toward recertification. One award may be used in 5-year certification term.

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## Category A vs B

Only programs addressing subjects specific to clinical orthopaedic nursing (not general or other specialty nursing content) will qualify for Category A credit. Content outlines for the ONC and ONP-C examinations provide a general guideline for qualifying content; examples include traction, musculoskeletal assessment, spine surgery, and rheumatoid arthritis.
Category A credit will not be given for neuroscience content, including spinal cord injury and concussion. These topics are not included on the ONCB examinations and are appropriate for Category B credit.

NAON-sponsored activities and journal articles are evaluated by the ONCB to determine Category A vs. B credit, and this information will be provided to attendees/readers.

A syllabus must be submitted for a broadly titled course (e.g., “Annual Trauma Conference”) or an academic course to determine possible musculoskeletal content. Syllabi/course objectives also may be requested if the activity title does not demonstrate clear musculoskeletal content.

ONCB staff will be very glad to evaluate any activity for categorization before a certificant registers. This can be done through the ONCB web site (CE Categorization Request Form, [http://oncb.org/ce-activity-categorization-request-form/](http://oncb.org/ce-activity-categorization-request-form/)) with submission of a course syllabus/timed content outline.

Additional Information

**A CE activity can be used only once during a 5-year certification term.** This includes multiple presentations on the same content, or annually required CE courses (e.g., domestic violence) in the certificant’s state of licensure.

Contact hours for any one offering may not be split between one certification period and another certification period.

Credit toward recertification is not given for basic life support (BLS) or instructor courses.