



ONCB Summary
ONC-A Recertification by Continuing Education

	ONC-A™
Term	5 years (Initial certification expires on 5 th occurrence of June 30 after a year of certification; then uniform expiration on June 30.)
Experiential Requirement	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.
Contact Hours Required for Recertification by CE	100 total: minimum of 65 in Category A, maximum of 35 in Category B If 100 or more contact hours are earned in Category A, applicant does not need to submit Category B contact hours. 1 contact hour = 60 minutes
Sources of CE Credit	
*See list of required documentation for each type of activity on LearningBuilder.	
One-time credit for completing portfolio/earning credential (Can be used only for the first recertification after earning the credential)	5 contact hours in Category A



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Completion of home study in nursing, medicine, or allied health (e.g., journal article, online educational module)	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.
Attendance at nursing workshop/conference	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.
Continuing medical education (CME) or allied health education from workshop/conference	32.5 maximum CME/Allied health contact hours in Category A 17.5 maximum CME/Allied health contact hours in Category B CME credits must be from a provider approved by the American Academy of Continuing Medical Education (AACME). 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), the Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC), or the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC for National Athletic Trainers Association [NATA]). EDUCATION FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 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 Cat. A and Cat. B.



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<p>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)</p>	<p>30 minutes of presentation = 2 contact hours May be Category A or B based on content.</p> <p>Credit is not given for academic instruction that is part of the certificant's paid position; this counts toward the experiential requirement for recertification.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>1 hour of presentation = 0.5 contact hours Credit not given for presentations of less than 1 hour.</p>
<p>Poster presentation at professional nursing workshop/conference offered for CE credit (poster presentation given CE credit by an approved provider of continuing nursing education)</p>	<p>Poster development = 1 contact hour</p> <p>Poster development and presentation = 4 contact hours</p>
<p>Poster presentation at hospital or for community/patient education activity (CE credit given for single presentation only)</p>	<p>Poster development and presentation = 0.5 contact hours</p>
<p>Author/Editor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire book, CD, audiotape = 20 contact hours (author/editor) • 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 • Completed DNP project = 10 contact hours • CE module for a commercial vendor = 5 contact hours <p>May be Category A or B based on content.</p>



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<p>Peer reviewer for Orthopaedic Nursing (official journal of NAON)</p>	<p>Contact hour award based on time and quality of review as determined by journal editors.</p> <p>May be Category A or B based on manuscript topic.</p>
<p>Preceptorship (must use ONCB Preceptor Verification Form)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80 hours of preceptorship (student, orientee) = 5 contact hours• Maximum of two 5-hour awards (10 contact hours) in 5-year certification term regardless of category <p>May be Category A or B based on setting</p>
<p>Academic education (e.g., BSN, graduate education)</p> <p><i>*A course syllabus MUST be submitted for all academic courses claimed under Category A so possible musculoskeletal content can be evaluated.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>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.</p>
<p>Athletic trainer continuing education</p> <p>Activity must be from a CE provider approved by the Board of Certification, Inc., the only accredited certifier of athletic trainers in the United States.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accepted for ONP-C and OCNS-C recertification only• Maximum of 10 contact hours accepted in either category <p>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.</p>



Sources of CE Credit	ONC-A™
<p>Organizational leadership (Category B credit ONLY)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Committee member for a local event = 3 contact hour
<p>ONCB item writing or exam maintenance activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Certificant must participate in the entire activity to receive credit toward recertification. One award may be used in 5-year certification term.</p>
<p>ONCB committee membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 contact hours in Category A for ONCB committee membership <p>One award may be used in 5-year certification term.</p>

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/>) 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.