

Students and New Certificants: What You Need to Know About the CPC Program

Your initial year of certification—not your year of graduation—**will establish when you begin the CPC Program.**

Did You Certify in 2015?

First, you will need to complete a 2 year recertification cycle.

If you certify in 2015, you will have one 2-year recertification cycle and then enter the new CPC Program in 2017.

Certification Year	Enter CPC Program
2015	2017

So, if your **initial** certification is in 2015, for these first 2 years ONLY, you will need to complete:

- 40 CEs
- Practice requirement
- Active RN/APRN License

Then, after you have completed your recertification in 2017, you will enter the CPC Program.

The CPC Program consists of 8-year periods. Each 8-year period is composed of two 4-year cycles:

Your First 4-Year Cycle

- Class A Requirements: 60 credits
- Class B Requirements: 40 credits
- Core Modules (voluntary for your first 4-year cycle – 2017-2021)
- Practice Requirement
- Active RN/APRN License

Your Second 4-Year Cycle

- Class A Requirements: 60 credits
- Class B Requirements: 40 credits
- Core Modules
- Practice Requirement
- Active RN/APRN License
- CPC Examination (Performance Standard)

This first CPC Examination provides an opportunity to become familiar with the CPC examination content and electronic format. It will identify areas in need of additional study without impacting your certification. Additional continuing education will be required in any area of weakness.

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Will You Certify in 2016 or Later?

If you certify in 2016 or later, then **the year you certify is the year you enter into the CPC Program.**

Certification Year	Enter CPC Program
2016	2016
2017	2017
2018	2018

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