

The ABPN Guide to Continuing Certification

What is Continuing Certification (CC)?

The Continuing Certification Program (CC) of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) reflects the Board's commitment to lifelong learning throughout one's profession. The mission of CC is to ensure that diplomates adhere to the highest standards in medicine and pursue excellence in all areas of care and practice improvement.

The ABPN has developed a CC Program that includes four components:

Professionalism and Professional Standing

- Physicians must hold an active, full, and unrestricted medical license in the U.S. or Canada.
- All licenses must be kept up-to-date in ABPN Physician Portal.

Lifelong Learning (CME) and Self-Assessment (SA)

- Diplomates choose their own Category 1 CME activities.
- Self-Assessment CME (SA CME) activities are selected from the ABPN Approved CC Activities list.
- Diplomates successfully completing the article exams in a 3-year CC block will have fulfilled the requirement for 16 SA-CME credits. SA CME credits contribute to the overall number of CME.
- Includes a one-time Patient Safety activity for those certified in 2016 and after.

Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

- Take a traditional recertification exam every 10 years or participate in the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway.

Performance in Practice (PIP)

- Diplomates identify and implement areas for improvement based on review of their own patient charts (Clinical Module) OR collect feedback on clinical performance from peers or patients via a questionnaire/survey (Feedback Module).
- Diplomates must select and complete their own PIP activity from the Approved CC Activities List, or an alternate PIP activity listed on the ABPN website.

- Visit the ABPN website at www.abpn.org for more on CC activities and to learn if you are already fulfilling requirements through your institution.
- View and attest to CC activities and pay an annual fee in your ABPN Physician Portal at www.abpn.org/physicianportal.
- Questions? Email questions@abpn.org.



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CC Roadmap

CC Program	Program Breakdown		
CONTINUING CERTIFICATION (CC) PROGRAM	ACTIVITY/ ASSESSMENT	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE
	Patient Safety	1 Activity	1 Time
	CME	90 Credits	3 Years
	Self-Assessment (SA-CME)	16 Credits	3 Years
	PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	3 Years
	CC Assessments	Recertification/ CC Exam or ABCC Pathway	10 Years 3 Years
NOTE: Once the 3-year block is complete, diplomates begin the Continuous Certification (CC) Program again.			

- Please check our website for the latest information on the CC Program.
- SA-CMEs credits contribute to the overall CME required.
- Physicians must hold an active, full, and unrestricted medical license in the U.S. or Canada.
- All diplomates entering the ABPN CC Program whose first block began in 2017 or later are required to do or have done a patient safety activity within three years prior or three years after entering the CC Program.
- Diplomates must attest to CC activities, pay the annual fee, and update their medical license in their Physician Portal at www.abpn.org/physicianportal. The annual fee schedule can be found on the ABPN website at: www.abpn.org/quick-links/abpn-fee-schedule/.



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