

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, formerly known as Maintenance of Certification (MOC), that includes four components:

Part I: 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.

Part II: 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 or diplomates can waive up to 16 SA credits via Non-CME Self-Assessment Activity Options.
- SA CME credits contribute to the overall number of CME.
- Includes a one-time Patient Safety activity for those certified in 2016 and after.

Part III: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

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

Part IV: Improvement in Medical 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.com 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 (\$175 for one certificate) in your ABPN Physician Portal at www.abpn.com/physicianportal.
- Questions? Email questions@abpn.com.



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CC Roadmap

When Were You Last Certified?	CC Program	Program Breakdown		
January 1, 2012+	CONTINUING CERTIFICATION (CC) PROGRAM	PART	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE
		Patient Safety	1 Activity	1 Time
		CME	90 Credits	3 Years
		Self-Assessment	24 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, begin the Continuous Certification (CC) Program again.		

- Please check the exam schedule and application deadlines on our website for the latest information.
- 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 pay the annual fee (\$175 for one certificate) in their Physician Portal. Beginning in 2022, diplomates with multiple certifications will pay a combined fee based on number of active certifications.



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