The ABPN Guide to Continuing Certification

What is Continuing Certification (CC)?

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 diplomats 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](http://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](http://www.abpn.com/physicianportal).
- Questions? Email [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).

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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.
## CC Roadmap

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**NOTE:** Once the 3-year block is complete, begin the Continuous Certification (CC) Program again.

### CC Program

**CONTINUING CERTIFICATION (CC) PROGRAM**

- **Patient Safety**: 1 Activity
- **CME**: 90 Credits
- **Self-Assessment**: 24 Credits
- **PIP**: 1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback
- **CC Assessments**: Recertification/CC Exam or ABCC Pathway

### Program Breakdown

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