

2015 CNLCP® Recertification Guidelines

Overview of Certification Board

The Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®) Certification Board provides oversight of the certification examination for Nurse Life Care Planners. This oversight includes item and examination review (item writing and test question selection); tracking of initial certification and quality assurance of the exam and periodic updates of exam content outlines based on industry trends. A passing score on the certification exam allows a nursing professional to utilize the designation Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®). The certification board is a voluntary organization comprised of up to eight (8) Registered Nurses, specializing in the field of life care planning, and who have earned the designation of CNLCP®, as well as one (1) public member with an interest in the field.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®) Certification Board is to ensure a nursing certification process that validates qualifications and knowledge obtained through professional education and experience in the specialty of nurse life care planning.

The CNLCP® Certification Board:

Recognizes nurses who maintain continued levels of competency as a Certified Nurse Life Care Planner.

Ensures that all decisions made by the Certification Board are taken in accordance with the CNLCP® Certification Board established bylaws and guidelines.

Ensures that initial certifications and renewals meet the established criteria.

Holds in highest regard privacy and confidential information of its Certified Nurse Life Care Planners.

Does not discriminate against any person.

The CNLCP® Certification Board purpose is to:

Establish criteria and direct the Initial Certification Process and Recertification Process for nurse life care planners.

Direct and maintain the national certification examination.

Develop the item writing and test content for certification consistent with evidence specialty standards for nurse life care planning.

Develop criteria and oversee the approval process for Core Curriculum Providers and Continuing Education Providers of educational programs for the Certified Nurse Life Care Planner.

Address any public concerns with regards to Certified Nurse Life Care Planners.

Direct the application process for CNLCP® accreditation by the Accreditation Board For Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC).

POSITION STATEMENT

As healthcare has become more complex, it is increasingly vital to assure the public that healthcare professionals are competent. Individual State Registered Nurse (RN) licensure measures entry-level competence only; and, in so doing, provides the legal authority for an individual to practice nursing. It is the minimum professional practice standard.

Certification, on the other hand, is a formal recognition that validates knowledge, experience, skills and clinical judgment within a specific nursing specialty; and, as such, is reflective of a more stringent professional practice standard. It reflects achievement of proficiency beyond basic licensure.

The CNLCP® Certification Board is a separately incorporated entity that facilitates consumer health and safety through credentialing/certification of Nurse Life Care Planners. It ensures that their practice is consistent with established standards of excellence in the development and defense of the life care planning document.

Similar to consumers knowing to seek out certification status within other professions (e.g. pharmacists, attorneys), certification within the field of nurse life care planning has become an important indicator that a certified nurse is not only licensed by their State to practice nursing, but is one who is qualified, competent and has met rigorous requirements in the achievement of the CNLCP® credential.

Certification Renewal

Certification for Nurse Life Care Planners is recognized for a period of five (5) years. The CNLCP® credential may be renewed either by retaking and passing the CNLCP® examination by the expiration date of your certification, or by submitting a renewal application along with sixty (60) hours of life care planning education by the established deadline. Additional information can be obtained from www.cnlcp.org

Effective June 1, 2011, the CNLCP® recertification criteria includes verification of sixty (60) continuing education units (e.g., CEUs, points of credit) in nurse life care planning, or completion of a Board-approved nurse life care planner core curriculum, or completion of at least twelve (12) academic semester credits of nursing coursework related to nurse life care planning at the licensee's current level of licensure or higher.

To renew by points of credit/continuing education unit requirements, the CNLCP must:

- Have current licensure as a registered nurse, with no restrictions. A copy of your current RN license must be sent with your recertification application.
- Complete the enclosed recertification application listing sixty (60) hours of continuing education units (CEUs) and/or 60 points of credit hours earned within your 5 year certification period.
- Copies of your certificates must be sent with your application.
- Have no lapse in CNLCP® certification.
- Pay the required fee: \$375 for AANCLP® members or \$575 for non-members.

To renew by examination, contact Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) at 212-356-0660 or www.PTCNY.com for an Application and Handbook for Candidates. The exam must be completed prior to the expiration of your certification.

Education Requirements

The CNLCP® Certification Board points of credit renewal system, is designed to encourage professional development. It allows the CNLCP to select from a variety of educational activities that meet professional and personal needs and to renew the CNLCP® credential. A total of sixty (60) points of credit are needed every 5 years for renewal. Candidates maintain their actual documentation of CEUs, however, they MUST, fill out the forms completely with all the information requested.

Credit hours for Recertification can be earned through:

Category 1: Continuing Education Hours: One hour (60 minutes) of approved nursing continuing education pertaining to life care planning = 1 contact hour. Examples of courses that would be approved: Life Care Planning (SCI, TBI, Prosthetics, Amputations, Burns, Chronic pain), Nurse Case Management, Medical/Health, Nursing process. Course outlines should be submitted to the CNLCP® Certification Board for review/approval of contact hours 90 days prior to the application for renewal.

Category 2: Academic Credit: Verification of the twelve (12) academic semester credits of nursing coursework related to nurse life care planning. Course semester outlines should be submitted to the CNLCP® Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the application for renewal.

Category 3: Presentations: 5 points of credit for each presentation, for which national or state approved continuing education has been granted to participants, for a maximum of 10 per 5 year renewal period. Presentation outlines should be submitted to the CNLCP® Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the application for renewal.

Category 4: Publications or Research: Publications or research related to a nurse life care planning article should be submitted to the CNLCP® Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the application for renewal.

Category 5: Item Writing / Test Questions: 1 point of credit for every 5 questions submitted that are supported by evidence based nursing/medical references for a maximum of 10 points of credit per 5 year renewal period. Questions with reference supported answers should be submitted directly to the CNLCP® Certification Board through website or email.

Category 6: AANLCP® Executive Board, CNLCP® Certification Board, or AANLCP® Committee Participation: 10 points of credit per year with documented or verified annual participation will be awarded. Participation is defined as 85% participation on the committee. The maximum points of credit that can be earned are 20 points in a 5 year period.

Record-keeping

- It is your responsibility to maintain your records.
- Copies of your *Certificates of Completion* must be sent with your recertification application.
- It is your responsibility to remember to recertify before your certification expiration date.

Late Fee

For candidates who submit the application more than 30 days after the expiration date of their certificate, there is an additional \$200 late fee.

To recertify by continuing education, please fully complete, sign and return the enclosed Recertification by Continuing Education application with your fee, copies of your Certificates of Completion and your current RN license to:

CNLCP Recertification
c/o Professional Testing Corporation
1350 Broadway – 17th Floor
New York, NY 10018

Further information on the Certification Board can be obtained at www.cnlcp.org.

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D. CONTINUING EDUCATION - Life Care Planning:

You must provide documentation of continuing education. You are required to complete 60 CEUs within appropriate course content in the last five year period beginning from the date of your initial certification or recertification. You must maintain an unrestricted, current RN license throughout the five year certification period. Refer to your Recertification Guidelines for appropriate course content and for alternatives to continuing education. You may duplicate this page if more space is needed.

YOU MUST SEND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AND/OR COPIES OF CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE KEPT BY YOU FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS. YOUR DOCUMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE CERTIFICATION BOARD.

CERT. #	DATES	NAME OF COURSE	CONTACT NUMBER & ADDRESS OF CEU PROVIDER	CONTACT HOURS	FOR CNLCP@CB USE
TOTAL HOURS THIS PAGE =>					

Candidate Signature

I have read the Handbook for Candidates and understand that I am responsible for knowing its contents. I certify that the information given in this Application is in accordance with Handbook instructions and is accurate, correct, and complete. Information of a candidate's initial certification date, renewal dates, and any CNLCP suspensions or revocation of CNLCP® will be released by the CNLCP® Certification Board upon requests to any public entity or agency. Verification is also available via the website tool. By signing this Application, I am providing authorization for release of this information and for the use of aggregate data. Personal information outside of CNLCP® status will not be assessed and/or released without my approval.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT *If you want to charge your application fee on your credit card provide all of the following information.*

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