



ANCB Certification Renewal Requirements with Rationale Statements For CARN and CARN-AP

ANCB believes that continuing competence is vital to the safe and effective care of individuals with substance use disorders. Continuing competence is the integration and application of updated and expanding knowledge, skills, abilities, and behaviors to perform safely and effectively treat individuals with the disease of addiction with high quality care for better outcomes. The ultimate goal of continued competence is to contribute to public protection.

Renewal Requirements	Rationale
CARN	
Four-year renewal period	Due to changes in the scope of technology, strategies and research that impact addiction nursing practice and health care, the ANCB established a 4-year period for certification. New practices, research, and information is introduced with enough frequency that professional development activities should be conducted routinely so that certificants remain current with best practices and evolving knowledge. The time frame provides evidence to the public that the clinician is meeting requirements for continuing competence by updating the nurse's knowledge and showing a commitment to lifelong learning.

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The ANCB certification is accredited by the American Board for Specialty Nursing Certification

<p>Hold a current RN license and ANCB certification as a CARN</p>	<p>Licensure is required to practice, and this requirement ensures that only those who are licensed to practice can hold a credential of CARN. The CARN certification needs to be current. If the certification is not current, the nurse cannot use the CARN until the certification is renewed.</p>
<p>CARN: Have a minimum of 2000 hours (one year) of nursing experience related to addictions as an RN in a staff, administrative, teaching, private practice, consultation, counseling, or research capacity within the last four years.</p>	<p>The Board reviewed other organizations requirements for the number of hours of nursing Experience in the specialty and decided 2000 hours of practice in the past 4 years would be needed to function at the competent level of addictions nursing. This helps the addictions nurse stay current on evidence-based practices.</p>
<p>CARN: 60 hours of approved continuing education related to addictions nursing within the last four years</p>	<p>To maintain competence, the ANCB requires continuing education to review existing knowledge and to acquire knowledge and skill in new advances over the full spectrum of addictions. Continuing education is a means of accomplishing this.</p>
<p>Academic Credit</p>	<p>Academic credit applicable to the certification serve to promote and expand the clinician's competence and knowledge in addictions nursing.</p>
<p>Scholarly Activity: Publications</p>	<p>Publication requires the nurse to research and synthesize current information in addictions to produce a publication that adds to the current nursing knowledge base. This enhances the nurse's competence with knowledge of addictions.</p>
<p>Scholarly Activity: Presentations</p>	<p>Presentation requires to the nurse to research and synthesize addiction information. The delivery of content in a structured environment demonstrates continued engagement and competence in addictions nursing.</p>
<p>Volunteer Service: Professional Volunteer Activity or Community Volunteer Activity</p>	<p>Serving on boards or review panels related to the addiction nurse's role and population is evidence of professional activities that require the application of current knowledge and competence of addictions nursing.</p>

Exam for Recertification	Retaking the test validates current knowledge and competency of the nurse. Retaking the test is mandatory if the nurse is over 3 months past expiration of certification. Members of the board and SMEs are ineligible to take the exam for CARN or CARN-AP for two years after stepping down as a board member or involvement with the exam.
CARN-AP	
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Hold a current RN license and ANCB certification as a CARN-AP	Licensure is required to practice, and a master's in nursing is a requirement for an APN. This requirement ensures that only those who are licensed to practice and have a master's in nursing can hold a credential of CARN-AP. The CARN-AP certification needs to be current. If not current, the nurse cannot use the CARN-AP until the certification is renewed.

<p>80 contact hours of approved continuing education in addictions within the four years prior to submitting the renewal application.</p>	<p>The field of addiction nursing is rapidly evolving because of the different kinds of substances used and newer methods of evidence-based treatment. Exposure and updating knowledge in the certification role and specialty is needed to maintain competence. Limiting the number of years for the information to be obtained helps to keep current on the trends in addiction nursing.</p>
<p>Academic Credit</p>	<p>Academic credit applicable to addiction nursing serves to promote and expand the clinician's competence and knowledge in addictions nursing.</p>
<p>1200 hours of nursing experience in addiction as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) within the last three years prior to submitting the examination application.</p>	<p>The practice hours demonstrate current engagement within the RN or APN certification role and population and require acquisition of new knowledge and development in addictions nursing, enabling competence in continued practice.</p>
<p>Scholarly Activity: Publications</p>	<p>Publication requires the nurse to research and synthesize current information in addictions to produce a publication that adds to the current nursing knowledge base and competence.</p>
<p>Scholarly Activity: Presentations</p>	<p>Presentation requires to the nurse to research and synthesize addiction information. The delivery of content in a structured environment demonstrates continued engagement and competence in addictions nursing.</p>
<p>Volunteer Service: Professional Volunteer Activity or Community Volunteer Activity</p>	<p>Serving on boards or review panels related to the addiction nurse's role and population is evidence of professional activities that require the application of current competence and knowledge of addictions nursing.</p>
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