



Guidelines for Selecting CE for Retest Applications and Possible List of CE Providers

The following guidelines are intended to help PNCB exam candidate retesters select appropriate CE for retest applications. PNCB staff PNPs review all submitted CE to determine if each course is acceptable, considering the defined role, domains, and tasks on the exam's content outline. The reviewers consider a variety of requirements, most importantly, that the topics are relevant enough to help the exam candidate prepare to retake the exam.

1. **Advanced practice nursing content:** CE courses should focus on advanced practice nursing, not bedside nursing/RN level practice.
2. **Pediatric-specific content:** CE courses that have a broad population focus are unlikely to discuss the type of pediatric-focused knowledge required to pass a **Pediatric** NP board certification exam. Assessment, Diagnosis, and Management of any given condition in an adult are unlikely to be the same as in the pediatric patient. Do not submit CE that is adult-focused or about adult conditions; it will not be accepted.
3. **Primary Care versus Acute Care:** The CPNP-PC and CPNP-AC roles and exams are unique and distinct. CE submitted as part of a retest statement should be applicable to the appropriate exam and role. While there can be some overlap in conditions seen, generally, acute care content focuses on higher acuity, critical, or complex/chronic presentations, and conditions, while primary care focuses on health maintenance and promotion of physical and psychosocial well-being and assessment, diagnosis, and management of common childhood illnesses, diseases, and conditions.
4. **Choosing the Domain to which your CE applies:** Always refer to the exam content outline as a guide. Be sure to read through the tasks on the content outline, not just the title of the Domain, to help provide clarity.

After reviewing the learning objectives and content of the course, choose which Domain of your exam's content outline you think the content relates to most. Sometimes, it may seem difficult to determine which Domain applies since many CE modules cover a near-equal split of assessment, diagnosis, and/or management of a condition. It is recommended in these cases to use your best judgement to decide, and if deciding between two Domains, you may opt to put it in whichever category that you need more CE hours.

Please note that the Primary Care Content Outline's Domain 1 is very focused on health promotion, safety, and wellness, so many clinical conditions do not fit in this category. Instead, choose CE that is focused on anticipatory guidance, growth, and development, or other tasks in this domain.

Acute Care Retesters – Possible List of CE Providers to Meet Retest Requirements

PNCB does not endorse the content or approve specific CE agencies. The list of organizations below was created from a review of CPNP-AC retest forms, and providers are listed in alphabetical order. This list is not inclusive but is provided as a guide to assist you when searching for CE.

The following list is intended as a resource for CPNP-AC retesters searching for CE to meet retest requirements. Only modules/courses from these CE providers that are **specific to PEDIATRIC ACUTE CARE and ADVANCED PRACTICE will be accepted.*

Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare (AKH)
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) (APRN CE Only)
CEUfast Nursing CE
Children’s Hospital Association (CHA) (APRN CE Only)
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Children’s National Medical Center
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
Clinical Care Options (CCO)
CME Outfitters (all pediatric content is primary care)
Continuing Education, Inc.
HealthStream (APRN CE Only)
Lurie Children's Hospital
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)
NetCE (APRN CE Only)
Nursing CE (APRN CE Only)]
Nursing CE Central (hard to tell if any of the pediatric content is APRN level)
Open Pediatrics
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)
Physicians’ Education Resources (PER)
Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM)
Relias (APRN CE Only)
Seattle Children’s Hospital
Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM)
StatPearls (APRN -PEDIATRIC focused CE Only)
Vindico Medical Education