



## CNOR Exam Snapshot

- 200 multiple-choice questions, covering 9 domains
- 3 hours, 45 minutes
- 3-month testing window
- Computer-based test offered at over 300 Prometric testing centers nationwide

## Audience

Perioperative registered nurses employed in a hospital, ambulatory or academic setting and working in an administrative, teaching, research or general staff capacity.

## Eligibility

- Currently employed full-time, part-time or per diem
- 2 years and 2,400 hours of experience as a perioperative RN (50% in the intraoperative setting)

## CCI Exam Preparation Resources

- CNOR Exam Study Guide
- CNOR Exam Flashcards
- CNOR Practice Exam
- CNOR Exam Instructor's Kit

## Recertification Options

1. **Exam**
2. **Contact hours:** 125 CHs (75 perioperative-specific)
3. **Points:** 300 points from professional activities including unlimited points for academic credits

## Accreditation

The CNOR credentialing program is accredited by two independent accrediting bodies: the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the American Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC). Moreover, the CNOR credential is a top-tier national certification accepted by the ANCC Magnet Recognition Program.

Earning the CNOR credential is a significant achievement in a nurse’s career. It is an indicator of a higher standard of practice within the nursing profession and a source of professional and personal pride. You’ve worked hard to earn the CNOR. Don’t let it lapse... plan to recertify today. Follow this checklist as you prepare for your recertification.

**Check your eligibility**

- Be CNOR certified
- Hold current unrestricted RN license
- Be currently working full-time or part-time in perioperative nursing education, administration, research or clinical practice
- Have worked a minimum of 500 hours in perioperative nursing within the five-year recertification cycle, at least 250 of 500 hours need to be in the intraoperative setting

**Validate continued competency** *(choose from one of three methods)*

- Contact hours – earn 125 contact hours over five years
- Points – accrue 300 points over five years
- Exam – retake the CNOR Exam

**Complete application**

**Pay recertification fee**

## Earning Periods and Deadlines

CNOR Credential Valid	Contact Hours/Points Must Be Earned Between	Recertification Application Due
2011 – 2016	Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2015	December 31, 2016
2012 – 2017	Jan. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2016	December 31, 2017
2013 – 2018	Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2017	December 31, 2018
2014 – 2019	Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2018	December 31, 2019