



The Basics

- The CRNFA certification program began in 1993.
- 5 year credentialing program.
- If hold CNOR, the two credentials are merged.

CRNFA Exam Snapshot

- 180 multiple choice questions
- Covers five subject areas
- 3 hours and 45 minutes
- 3 month testing window
- Computer-based test offered at over 300 Prometric testing centers nationwide

Audience

Perioperative registered nurses practicing in the expanded role of the first assistant including pre-, intra-, and post-operative patient care.

Eligibility Requirements

- 2,000 practice hours as an RNFA
- Must hold the CNOR credential or be an APRN certified in a specialty.
- Must hold a bachelor's degree
- Must have completed a formal RNFA program
- Currently working full- or part-time as an RNFA

Recertification Options

1. Exam
2. Contact hours
3. Points

Accreditation

The CRNFA credentialing program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). In addition, the CRNFA credential is a top tier ANCC Magnet accepted national certification.

The CRNFA credential represents your professional achievement and demonstrates your knowledge and skill. More importantly, it reflects a deep, personal commitment to contributing to a culture of patient safety. Maintain your role as a leader in the operating room community by recertifying your CRNFA. Follow this checklist as you prepare for your recertification.

Check your eligibility

- Hold current unrestricted RN license
- Be currently certified as a CRNFA
- Be currently employed as an RNFA
- Have practiced as an RNFA within the two years immediately prior to application

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

- Contact hours
- Points
- 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