



Neurovascular Registered Nurse Certification
(NVRN®)

Recertification Handbook and Application

Recertification by Continuing Education

For NVRN's initially certified in 2015
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Regular Application Deadline (for those who received certification in January-June, 2015): **November 30, 2019**

Regular Application Deadline (for those who received certification in July-December, 2015): **November 30, 2020**

Extension Applications:
Completed One-Time Extension Applications are due by **February 28, 2020** (for those certified in January-June) and **February 28, 2021** (for those certified in July-December)

*Applications must be received at the ANVC Office by 5:00 pm Central Time on day of deadline
Application forms must be typed

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Association of Neurovascular Clinicians Recertification Program

Duration of Certification

NVRN® certification is recognized for a period of five (5) years (*unless you received certification in the second half of the year - then it will be recognized for a period of six years*). NVRN certification expires on January 1st of the 5th complete year of certification. To renew certification, the certificant may either apply to retake the certification exam or submit documentation of attainment of 100 hours of continuing education in neurovascular nursing. ANVC will notify candidates at least 6 months before the end of their certification period to provide time to organize recertification materials or study time to retake the examination. Ultimately, the responsibility to complete the recertification process is held solely by the certificant.

Recertification: Eligibility and Options

- Current licensure as a registered nurse in country of origin, **AND EITHER**:
- **OPTION 1: Recertification by Examination** – Minimum of 1,000 neurovascular nursing practice hours in the past 1 year **AND** successful completion of the NVRN board certification examination;* or,
- **OPTION 2: Recertification by Continuing Education** – Minimum of 5,000 neurovascular nursing practice hours in the past 5 years **AND** evidence of completion of a minimum of 100 hours of continuing education pertinent to neurovascular nursing.

*Note: Certificants that select Option 1 are to complete an application for NVRN examination form (www.anvc.org) and submit it via the same methods used for first-time certificants; no other application forms are necessary. Please note that Option 1 certificants that fail the NVRN exam are ineligible for recertification by continuing education (Option 2).

Neurovascular practice hours may be earned through clinical practice, clinical consultation, the conduct of research, provision of administration/leadership within the clinical practice arena, and/or provision of clinical nursing education pertinent to the field of neurovascular nursing.

Option 2: Recertification by Continuing Education Credit

*Certificants selecting Option 2 must submit their continuing education (CE) credit hours to ANVC using the forms included in this guidebook. Submission of actual CE certificates is not necessary **UNLESS** the certificant is randomly selected for audit. Certificants selecting Option 2 will be notified of their selection for CE credit audit within 30 days of ANVC's receipt of the completed recertification application. If selected for audit, certificants will be required to submit evidence of their attainment of 100 CE hours by submitting course certificates and/or college transcripts showing earned credits in CE related to neurovascular nursing practice.*

Option 2 CE may be earned in any of the following categories, however all applicants are required to obtain a minimum of 30 category 1 hours for recertification.

Category 1: Approved CE and College Course Hours (minimum of 30 hours REQUIRED for Option 2)

Category 1 hours include approved CE offerings provided by an organization authorized to grant continuing education credit such organizations affiliated with the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, the Emergency Nurses Association, the American Stroke Association, or the ANVC. Courses taken for college credit that support the delivery of neurovascular nursing practice may also be included as evidence of continuing education with total hours (total hours = number of credit hours X numbers of semester weeks) as listed in the course syllabus reported towards the required 100 required hours.

Categories 2-5: Other Acceptable Categories for CE Credit

Category 2-5 activities must clearly reflect application or dissemination of knowledge that supports excellence in neurovascular nursing practice. Items that are not clearly related to neurovascular nursing practice will not be accepted to support recertification. The categories are as follows:

Category 2: Completion of a Program or Project that aimed to improve the quality of neurovascular clinical practice (maximum of 20 hours granted; must include project description [methods and outcomes], along with supervisor verification of project completion).

Category 3: Evidence of participation in Neurovascular Research (maximum of 20 hours granted; must include the IRB approval letter indicating your name as an affiliated researcher, along with a description of the study methods and findings).

Category 4: Provision of Formal Education on some aspect of neurovascular nursing care (maximum 30 hours granted; must include course title(s) and date/time taught, with supervisor verification or brochure).

Category 5: Evidence of Published Scientific Paper(s) related to neurovascular nursing in a professional journal (maximum of 30 hours/publication; must include full journal citation).

Recertification Application Fees

Applications must be received by 5PM central time on November 30, 2019 (those certified January-June) or November 30, 2020 (those certified July-December).

- ANVC members: \$250.00 USD
- Non-Members: \$350.00 USD
- Join ANVC and Recertify: \$300.00 USD

For an additional fee, certificants can apply for a one-time extension of the recertification period to enable completion of the 100 required continuing education hours; extension applications must be received fully complete by 5PM on February 28, 2020 (those certified January-June) or February 28, 2021 (those certified July-December).

- ANVC members: \$350.00 USD
- Non-Members: \$450.00 USD
- Join ANVC and Recertify: \$400.00 USD

Printed and signed applications must be submitted with check or money made payable to: *Association of Neurovascular Clinicians (ANVC)*

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS *or* APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BEYOND THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR RECERTIFICATION.

ALL APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Instructions for Completion of the NVRN-BC Recertification Application

The following items must be submitted with the recertification application (please keep a copy for your records):

- **TYPED** application form
- Check or money order made payable to ANVC
- Supervisor signature of nursing license verification
- Supervisor signed verification of neurovascular work hours for past three years
- **TYPED** continuing education form; include name and page number on each page included in your application
- Demographics form

Mail your completed application packet to:

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Denial of Application and Appeal

Recertification may be denied if the certificant fails to meet all the requirements in this application, or the application is submitted incomplete. Falsification of the application is grounds for denial of recertification. Applicants denied recertification will be notified in writing.

In the event an application for recertification is denied, the decision can be appealed to the ANVC Certification Committee. Appeals should be submitted in writing detailing facts supporting why recertification should be reconsidered. Appeals must be received by ANVC within 60 days of denial notification. A decision for support or denial will be mailed within 30 days from receipt of the appeal.