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Get to Know the Board

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Updated Changes to HPAR Requirements Provide More Opportunity and Flexibility

HPCC is excited to announce updates to our Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) process, which will provide more opportunity and flexibility to obtain points in professional development activities. Each certification will now need a total of 100 points. In addition, the following activities have been enhanced:

Professional Development Activities

- ACHPN and CHPCA point totals have decreased from 125 to 100, but ACHPNs are still required to have a minimum of 10 points in *Scholarly Accomplishments* and/or *Professional Contributions*.
- CHPLN point totals have increased from 75 to 100, but 75 points for recertification will be accepted through December 31, 2017.
- CHPN, CHPPN, CHPLN, CHPCA, and CPLC certificants are no longer required to submit 10 points in *Scholarly Accomplishments* and/or *Professional Contributions* activities

Scholarly Accomplishments

- Maximum point limit has increased from 20 to 30 for professional presentations

Professional Contributions

- Precepting hours have increased from 5 HPAR points to 10 HPAR points per 25 hours. The maximum limit has increased to 30 HPAR points.
- Orienting Staff has increased from 5 HPAR points to 10 HPAR points per 40 hours. The maximum limit has increased to 20 HPAR points.
- One (1) year of volunteer service is now equal to 10 HPAR points. The maximum limit has increased to 20 HPAR points.

Please refer to the current HPAR packet for your specific certification for complete details, through the link below. Our goal for these changes is to make your certification renewal more beneficial and important to your practice. We appreciate your patience and feedback in this process.

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HPCC Sponsors the HPNA Clinical Practice Forum

September 14-16, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA

HPCC is a sponsor at this year's Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Clinical Practice Forum, taking place from Thursday, September 14 through Saturday,

September 16, 2017, at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. [Follow this link for the complete schedule](#) and a full listing of speakers and courses.

For those looking to recertify through the Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) process, this forum **offers 11.0 hours of continuing nursing education (CNE), which can grow to 18.5 hours** by adding a day of preconferences. This conference is a quick way to grab those needed hours.

[Registration is available online](#), by clicking on the link. Find out more information about the event including ways to save by clicking the link below.

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December is the Last Opportunity to Test in 2017, so Apply Early!

The application period for December 2017 begins on **Friday, September 1**. Paper applications are due **October 15**, and the [online application](#) deadline is **November 15**. Please download and/or print the appropriate handbook for the exam you plan to take. The [candidate handbooks](#) are available online at www.goHPCC.org and contain information about each exam such as how to apply, fees, schedules, detailed test content outline of the information covered on the exam, suggested references for study, and much more!

Be sure to view the 2017 certification [application fee schedule](#). HPNA members continue to receive substantial exam discounts as a membership benefit! Keep your HPNA membership current to receive this as well as many other benefits. If interested, visit advancingexpertcare.org/membership.

Results of the June 2017 Certification Exams

Successful candidates for certification and recertification from the June 2017 testing window include **647 additional certificants**.

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| 70 | Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (ACHPN) |
| 330 | Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN) |
| 10 | Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurses (CHPPN) |
| 58 | Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN) |
| 150 | Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistants (CHPNA) |
| 17 | Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA) |
| 12 | Certified in Perinatal Loss Care (CPLC) |

As of July 1, 2017, HPCC certifies over 18,000 individuals! For more details on all seven of our certifications, visit the link below.

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December 2017 Testing Window is the Final Opportunity for CHPLN and CHPCA Exams

This December's testing window is the last opportunity to take the Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA) or Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN) examinations as a new credential. Beginning on January 1, 2018, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center will no longer offer these exams.

However, HPCC will continue to offer a recertification process for individuals who have obtained and maintained these two credentials. Detailed information on the Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification Process (HPAR) is available under **Recertification** under either advancingexpertcare.org/chpca or advancingexpertcare.org/chpln, or you may contact the HPCC staff for additional assistance at 412-787-1057 or hpsc@gohpcc.org.



Certification Pins Available

Be recognized by your colleagues and patients as being certified in your specialty with a certification pin, available for each credential (ACHPN, CHPN, CHPPN, CHPLN, CHPNA, CHPCA, and CPLC). These pins showcase your credential and your dedication to your profession. Order a pin today and display your credential with pride! [Order today through our website](http://www.goHPCC.org), or through our home page at www.goHPCC.org and click **Shop**.

Pin Description: Size is 1.5 inches, with a 1.2mm thick solid metal base. It is a die struck gold plated pin, with an 8mm post, butterfly clutch, and an acrylic case.

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Creating A Culture of Certification

We would like to thank Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN, who presented "Creating a Culture of Certification" to HPNA chapter and district leaders at last month's HPNA Leadership Weekend. The presentation included an overview of the new HPAR changes. Click the link below to see a video of the presentation.

[Creating a Culture of Certification](#)

Help Contribute to our Certification Exams

Through an Item Writer Workshop

Do you want to help develop questions for one of our certification exams? Learn more about becoming a test item writer by attending our upcoming Item Writer Workshop this October, titled "**Secrets of Competency Testing: Writing Items for Hospice and Palliative Certification Exams.**" The workshop is offered three times a year as the last part of a **FREE** three-part course, with the first two sections being done online before the final workshop.

Created by HPCC with expert assistance from our professional testing partner PSI/ASP of Olathe, Kansas, these courses and workshop offers a unique opportunity for you to learn how to make a direct contribution to help develop our certification examinations. Individuals who have a strong knowledge base in hospice and palliative care are welcome, and expertise in item writing or test development is not required.

Find out by following the link below how you can complete the first two parts, before joining us at the **next live webinar on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm ET.** Those completing these three courses and the post-test and evaluation will receive 3.5 contact hours, with nursing assistants will receive a certificate of participation.

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Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association News



Early Registration Deadline is Sept. 5 for ELNEC Train-the-Trainer Course in Niagara Falls, NY

Tuesday, September 5 is the early registration deadline for the next HPNA sponsored End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Train-the-Trainer course, taking place in Niagara Falls, New York on Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7, 2017. Those attending will earn 14.25 CEs plus 2.25 designated pharmacology hours.

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Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation News



Apply Now to Have Your Certification or Registration Fees Paid by the Foundation

One of the biggest deterrents for those looking for certification or recertification, or for those trying to attend a conference, is cost. With the number of employers who compensate their employees for these costs dropping, HPNF is trying to bridge the gap by assisting those in need. For a complete list of available opportunities, please follow the link at the bottom of the article.

- **Certification and Recertification Scholarships** - Available monthly, these cover the registration costs for either certification or recertification. Deadlines for these are at the end of each month, and those who do not receive a scholarship can apply the following month.

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My national activities have included work with the American Society of Association Executives, Public Health Informatics Institute, the National Association of Local Boards of Health and the National Association of County and City Health Officials where I was the first chair of the Public Health Marketing Strategic Direction Team.

My most recent position was as CEO of Public Health Foundation Enterprises where I updated and improved the organizations internal policies, information technology infrastructure and vendor and contracting practices while managing an annual budget of \$130 million and a staff of 1,200 across over 200 programs.

I am also active with the California Society of Association Executives where I am a current member and Past Chair of the Legislative Committee and currently serve as a subject matter expert and mentor for the governance, advocacy and public policy portions of the Certified Association Executive, (CAE), credentialing exam.

I continue to serve as a mentor, coach and guide for a variety of professionals and organizations.

A firm believer in community service, I chaired the Citizen Participation Advisory Board overseeing the Community Development Block Grant in my former hometown of Huntington Beach, California.

My key areas of interest and expertise include developing operational frameworks, board governance, leading high performing teams, promoting professional development and continuing education, improving information technology and nonprofit advocacy.

My interest in HPCC comes from my positive experiences working with nurses, accreditation and credentialing programs and the outstanding support my family and I received from my hospice provider during my late wife's terminal illness.

I have two adult sons and currently reside in Los Angeles, California.