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TIPS FOR RECERTIFICATION

- **100 CONTACT HOURS IN 5 YEARS ARE REQUIRED FOR RECERTIFICATION.**
- **80 OF THOSE HOURS MUST BE GI SPECIFIC.**
- **40 OF THOSE 80 CONTACT HOURS MUST BE IN CATEGORY 1.**
- **NOTE THAT SOME CATEGORIES HAVE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS THAT ARE ALLOWED.**
- **THERE ARE 12 CATEGORIES THAT ENABLE YOU TO OBTAIN CONTACT HOURS.**
- **SAVE BROCHURES FROM YOUR PROGRAMS SO THAT GI SPECIFIC CONTACT CONTENT CAN BE CALCULATED IN THE EVENT YOU ARE AUDITED.**
- **IF YOUR CERTIFICATE HAS AN APPROVAL FOR GI SPECIFIC HOURS ON IT FROM ABCGN, THE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY BEEN EVALUATED FOR GI SPECIFIC HOURS AND YOU JUST NEED TO SAVE THE CERTIFICATE. FOR ALL OTHER PROGRAMS, THE BROCHURE MUST BE SAVED.**
- **YOU MAY USE THE SAME COURSE MORE THAN ONCE ON YOUR APPLICATION, PROVIDED YOU TOOK THE OFFERINGS ONE YEAR APART.**

CATEGORY 1- Attendance at a live nursing seminar. 40 GI Specific minimum- No maximum	CATEGORY 7- CME, Allied Health Seminars, Workshops, and Home Study Courses. Maximum 30 hours
CATEGORY 2- Presenting a live presentation. One hour of presentation = 3 contact hours of credit. 50 Maximum hours	CATEGORY 8- Nursing Research Project- 20 contact hours per research project Maximum 40 hours
CATEGORY 3- Authoring articles in textbooks or journals. One article/chapter = 10 contact hour credits. Maximum 50 hours	CATEGORY 9- Poster Presentations/Education Posters = 2 contact hour credits Research Posters = 3 contact hour credits Maximum 10 hours.
CATEGORY 4- Academic coursework Must be health care related with a “C” or higher grade. One semester = 15 contact hours. One quarter = 10 contact hours Maximum 20 hours	CATEGORY 10- Precepting. 80 hours of precepting = 5 contact hour credits. Maximum- 5 hours.
CATEGORY 5- Independent Home Study. Must be approved by same organizations as in Category 1. Maximum 60 hours	CATEGORY 11- ABCGN / SGNA / SIGNEA involvement. One year of involvement (officer, task force or committee member/editor or reviewer = 3 contact hour credits. Maximum 15 hours.
CATEGORY 6- Item Writer’s Workshop Maximum 20 hours	CATEGORY 12- ABCGN Item Review Committee and/or Item Writers Panel. Up to 12 GI specific hours will be accepted per year with a maximum of 48.

Category 1 contact hours must be approved by one the following:

- The American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- An agency, organization or educational institution accredited by ANCC or whose continuing education hours are accepted by ANCC
- A State Board of Nursing (All States)
- A State Nurses Association

Category 2

- Covers presentations at seminars and workshops approved by an accredited provider as listed under category 1

Category 3

- Each author listed is awarded contact hours.

Category 4

- If audited, you will need to submit a copy of your transcript as documentation

Category 5

- Courses must be specific to nursing practice or nursing research to be acceptable. They must be approved by the organization listed under category 1

Category 6

- The certificate provided by ABCGN is to be used as documentation of your participation

Category 7 contact hours must be approved by one of the following:

- The AMA or one of its affiliates or approved providers
- The American Osteopathic Association or one of its affiliates or approved providers
- An accredited Pharmacy organization
- Hospital Administration
- Similar type Providers
- **These hours may not substitute for Contact Hours under Category 1 because they have a different focus.**

Category 8

- If audited, you must submit a published manuscript or validation by a panel of experts as documentation of research work.
- The work must be an independently funded project designed to increase the nursing knowledge base or improve patient care.
- If the project is GI specific it can be included in the 80 GI specific hours needed for recertification

Category 9

- A photo copy of the poster must be submitted along with the verification form.
- Credit is only allowed for the initial poster presentation

Category 10

- Contact hours are awarded for 80 hours of precepting one RN/LPN/ or GI Tech within the GI setting
- Contact hours cannot be split for partial orientation
- A verification form must be filled out

Category 11

- Must serve as an officer, committee or task force member at the regional or national level or serve as an editor or reviewer on one of the publications.

Category 12

- Use the certificate provided by ABCGN as documentation