

# TIPS FOR RECERTIFICATION

- 75 contact hours in 5 years are required for recertification.
- 60 of those hours must be GI specific.
- 30 of those 60 GI specific contact hours must be in Category 1.
- Note that some categories have a maximum number of contact hours that are allowed.
- There are 13 categories that enable you to obtain contact hours.
- Save brochures and agendas from your programs so that GI specific contact hour content can be calculated in the event you are audited.
- If your certificate has an approval for GI specific hours on it from ABCNGN, the program has already been evaluated for GI specific hours and you just need to save the certificate. For all other programs, the brochure and agenda 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.

### 30 GI Specific minimum – No maximum

- 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

Presenting a live presentation. One hour of presentation = 3 contact hours of credit.

### Maximum 36 hours

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

## CATEGORY 3

Authoring articles in textbooks or journals. One article/ chapter = 10 contact hour credits.

### Maximum 40 hours

- Each author listed is awarded contact 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

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

## CATEGORY 5

Independent Home Study. Must be approved by same organizations as in Category 1.

### Maximum 45 hours

- 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

Item Writer's Workshop.

### Maximum 15 hours

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

## CATEGORY 7

CME, Allied Health Seminars, Workshops, and Home Study Courses.

### Maximum 20 hours

- 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.

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## CATEGORY 8

Nursing Research Project – 20 contact hours per research project.

### Maximum 20 hours

- If audited, you must submit either a published manuscript or proof the manuscript has been accepted for publication or validation by a panel of experts as documentation of research work. This research project may only be submitted once for contact hours and may not be used in a second recertification.
- 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 60 GI specific hours needed for recertification.

## CATEGORY 9

Poster Presentations/Education Posters = 2 contact hour credits. Research Posters = 3 contact hour credits.

### Maximum 6 hours

- 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

Precepting. 80 hours of precepting = 5 contact hour credits.

### Maximum 5 hours

- Contact hours are awarded for 80 hours of precepting one RN/LPN/or GI Tech within the GI setting. A GI work setting is defined as working in a gastroenterologist or hepatologist office, or a GI unit in the hospital, ambulatory or surgery/endoscopy center.
- Contact hours cannot be split for partial orientation
- A verification form must be filled out.

## CATEGORY 11

ABCGN / SGNA / SIGNEA involvement. One year of involvement (officer, task force or committee member/ editor or reviewer = 3 contact hour credits).

### Maximum 12 hours

- 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

ABCGN Item Review Committee and/or Item Writers Panel. Up to 12 GI specific hours will be accepted per year with a maximum of 36.

### Maximum 36 hours

- Use the certificate provided by ABCGN as documentation.

## CATEGORY 13

Involvement in other GI related organizations or publications.

### No minimum – Maximum 9 hours

- 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.