American Board for Transplant Certification

RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To maintain American Board for Transplant Certification® (ABTC®) CCTC®/CPTC®/CCTN®/CTP® status, certificants must accumulate 60 Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification (CEPTCs) for each three-year certification cycle. Certificants holding multiple ABTC certifications (two or more), 90 CEPTCs must be earned within the three-year cycle.

For individuals certified prior to April 2020, the deadline for submission of 60 credits is December 31st. Effective April 1, 2020, the submission deadline for submission of 60 credits for each three-year cycle is the initial certification date.

Certified Transplant Financial Coordinator (CTFC) ONLY: The following structure has been determined for earning continuing education units, i.e. ABTC Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification (CEPTCs) for the CTFC:

Expiration year	CEPTCs (CEUs) required for recertification
2025	30
2026	45
2027	60

Final approval of all CEPTCs will be at the discretion of the Continuing Certification Committee of ABTC.

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Appropriate Continuing Education

Educational offerings designed to enhance learning and develop knowledge and skills consistent with the current clinical transplant and recovery standards of practice.

Continuing Education Points for Transplant Certification (CEPTCs):
- One contact hour = one CEPTC
- One CEPTC = 60 minutes of conference/class/lecture time (educational contact hour)

Category 1:
- Programs offered by hospitals, professional associations, or independent education groups, i.e. AATB, AOPO, ATCO, ISOP, NATCO, ITNS and UNOS that:
  - have direct application to the transplant recipient and/or the family or the donor and/or the family.
  - address skills utilized by the clinical transplant/recovery coordinator, transplant preservationist or clinical transplant Registered Nurse.
  - have impact on clinical transplant/procurement assessment data.

Category 2
- Continuing education activities planned to meet the individual's potential for   professional growth in a broad area of healthcare.

Single Certification:
- Certification either as a CCTC, CPTC, CCTN or CTP.

Multiple ABTC Certifications:
- Holding 2 or more certifications: CCTC, CPTC, CCTN and/or CTP.

Category 1
- **A minimum of 20 ABTC-approved CEPTCs for single certification and multiple certifications.**
- **CEPTCs earned in one cycle cannot be transferred to a subsequent cycle.**

Eligible Activities	CEPTCs Earned	Forms of Verification
• **Attendance at ABTC-approved programs**	• 1 CEPTC per contact hour	• Photocopy of certificate of attendance for ***ABTC-approved activities***

• **Completion of journal readings in**
   o **Progress in Transplantation**
   o **American Journal of Nursing**
   o **American Journal of Transplant Medicine**
   o **American Society of Transplantation**
   o **The Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance**
   o **The Nephrology Nursing Journal**
	• 1 – 2 CEPTCs as awarded by the journal	• Certificate from Journal generated online

• **Participation in exam-related activities:** practice analysis, test specification, or standard-setting studies for ABTC examinations.	• 5 CEPTCs	• Certificate signed by the ABTC committee chair
• **ABTC Exam Item Writing**	• 5 CEPTCs for each approved item	• Certificate issued by ABTC with verification from exam vendor

Category 2
- **A minimum of 10 CEPTCs**
- **CEPTCs earned in one cycle cannot be transferred to a subsequent cycle.**

Eligible Activities	CEPTCs Earned	Forms of Verification
• **ABTC Committee Membership** • **ABTC Committee Chair** • **Leadership in Transplant/Recovery or Professional Health Care-Related Non-ABTC Organizations**	• 15 CEPTCs per year for Officer or Committee Chair • 10 CEPTC per year for board members who are not Officers or Committee Chairs	• Certificate signed by Committee Chair • Certificate signed by the President

	• 10 CEPTCs per certification cycle for Committee Membership	
• **Academic Coursework:** *Acceptable courses include but are not limited to:* psychology, sociology, philosophy, social or cultural anthropology, research, education, chemistry, biology, human anatomy and physiology, health care management, business, and marketing. Course content need not include clinical transplant/recovery concepts. ***Non-acceptable courses may include but are not limited to:*** history, math, art, music, English and other languages (unless the language courses are being studied to effectively communicate with the Organ Procurement Organization/Transplant Center minority populations).	• 1 CEPTC will be awarded for each course credit hour for college/university coursework.	• Photocopy of *official* transcript or final grade report
• **Providing Instruction** – delivering: transplantation/ recovery/management content to health care professionals or the public. Examples of presentations include: (1) seminars, in-services, clinical conferences, teaching a patient and/or family educational group/program, (2) facilitating of a hospital-based transplant patient and/or family support group program, (3) volunteering at a community event educating the public on transplant-related issues and patient/family educational programs. The participation may be as a primary instructor, member of a team, guest lecturer or panel participant.	• 10 CEPTCs per presentation of material at an organized conference with up to two repeats of the same presentation awarded 5 CEPTCs each. • 5 CEPTCs per presentation per contact hour at a Hospital/Unit/Patient Education offering with up to two repeats of the same presentation awarded 2 CEPTCs per contact hour. • 1 CEPTC for each additional author of abstracts or case studies.	• Written statement from supervisor, along with information on CEUs awarded, behavioral objectives, content outline, teaching methodology.

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• **Activities that serve to define, assist, or promote systematic improvement of clinical transplant/recovery practice.** Activities that assist in maintaining or improving the safety, accuracy, or efficacy of clinical transplant/recovery practice. Examples include: (1) leadership positions or committee involvement in organ/tissue transplant/recovery-related professional organizations, professional nursing or healthcare-related organizations. (2) quality assurance activities, development of donor manuals, donor maintenance care plans, recipient care plans for critical care emergency room or operating room nurses, recipient educational booklets/brochures, or other teaching materials, development of training courses for clinical/recovery professionals, (3) serving as a program committee chairperson for a transplant/recovery related seminar, (4) development of professional/public education booklets/brochures.	• 5 CEPTCs per certification cycle	• Letter of verification on institutional letterhead confirmed by direct supervisor, committee chairperson, officer of organization of project.
• **Authorship***	• 40 CEPTCs for published book • 20 CEPTCs for published book chapter, monograph or video content • 15 CEPTCS for primary author for article published in scientific journal • 7 CEPTCS for all secondary authors for article published in scientific journal • 5 CEPTCs for primary author of published case study • 1 CEPTCs for all secondary authors of published case study • 1 CEPTC for primary and secondary authors for abstracts and case studies are submitted but not accepted	• Copy of publication or title page and table of contents.
• **Editorial Review Activity**	• 12CEPTCs for editing of book • 10 CEPTCs for editing of book chapter • 5CEPTCs for article review	
• **Poster Presentations**	• 15 CEPTCS for primary author • 7 CEPTCs for all secondary authors	• Copy of publication • Letter of verification on institutional letterhead

	• 1 CEPTC for primary and secondary authors of abstracts for poster presentations submitted but not accepted	
• **Preceptorship/Mentorship** of new staff member or nursing student in clinical/recovery area during official orientation period.	• 15 CEPTCs for first Preceptorship/Mentorship 5 CEPTCs for each subsequent Preceptorship/Mentorship for a maximum of three (3) Preceptorships/Mentorships per 3year recertification cycle.	• Letter of verification on institutional letterhead confirmed by direct supervisor. • Preceptor Verification Form
• **Leadership/Business/Management Training**	• 1 CEPTC for each contact hour	• Certificate of completion
• **Stress Management/Burnout Training**	• 1 CEPTC for each contact hour	• Certificate of completion.
• **Occupational and Development Training**	• 1 CEPTC per contact hour	• Certificate of completion & Content Outline
• **Certifications:** o Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Certification o Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) o Pediatric Advanced Life Support o (PALS)	• 8 CEPTCs for certification • 4 CEPTCs for recertification	• Certificate of completion
• **Certification:** o Basic Life Support with CPR (BLS-C)	• 4 CEPTCs for certification • 2 CEPTCS for recertification	• Certificate of completion.

*Co-authored/co-developed publications/projects, unless otherwise stated, the number of CEPTCs awarded are divided by the number of authors/developers.