

Dear NASM-Certified Personal Trainer:

The purpose of the recertification program is to ensure that qualified professionals maintain entry level guidelines by participating in approved continuing education programs. Continuing education programs are intended to promote continued competence, development of knowledge and skills, and enhancement of professional skills and judgment beyond the levels required for entry-level practice. Continuing education activities must focus on increasing knowledge, skills and abilities as defined in the most recent Job Analysis Study (2019).

- Domains of performance are: *Basic and Applied Sciences and Nutritional Concepts; Client Relations & Behavioral Coaching; Assessment; Program Design; Exercise Technique and Training Instruction; and Professional Development & Responsibility.*

To support NASM's commitment to protect health and safety, the NASM-CPT credential must be recertified every two (2) years. This ensures that NASM-CPT professionals are current with best practice guidelines and the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities described in the most recent job analysis study.

Please note that the NASM website ([www.nasm.org](http://www.nasm.org)) has the most up-to-date listings of approved continuing education providers, approved continuing education courses, and guidelines regarding your certification. The website makes it easy to stay current with recertification announcements, upcoming conferences and workshops, and home study opportunities. To view information regarding your certification, including your certification expiration date, and to maintain your current contact information, please login to your Member Page at our website.

Please review the entire document carefully. For the most current information about continuing education and recertification, please refer to NASM's website ([www.nasm.org](http://www.nasm.org)). If you cannot find an answer to your question, please feel free to contact the NASM Member Services Department at 800-460-6276.

Sincerely,  
NASM Recertification Department

## **Recertification Guidelines**

### **NASM Code of Professional Conduct**

NASM-CPT credential holders are expected to comply at all times to the NASM Code of Professional Conduct. A copy of this document can be obtained at NASM's website ([www.nasm.org](http://www.nasm.org)).

### **Recertification Fee**

Every NASM-CPT credential holder is required to submit a recertification fee to NASM. This fee, paid every two years, is an administrative fee that supports activities required of the NASM Recertification Department. The recertification fee for the NASM-CPT credential is \$99. The late recertification fees are: \$30 for applications received up to 90-days post-expiration and \$50 for applications received after their grace period and before one year after credential expiration.

### **Recertify for Life**

The Recertify for Life program is one-time fee of \$399. This will eliminate the \$99 payment every two years. The Recertify for Life program will apply to all current AFAA/NASM certifications that require recertification. Submission of continuing education units and completion of the recertification application are still required. Late fees are applicable if recertification is submitted after credential expiration.

### **Expiration of Credential**

The NASM-CPT credential will expire if all recertification requirements have not been met by the certification expiration date. Recertification Applications can be submitted up to one year late *if all continuing education courses have been completed before or within 90 days of the certification expiration date.* Additional fees will apply.

### **Continuing Education**

Continuing education requirements are intended to promote continued competence, development of knowledge and skills, and enhancement of professional skills and judgment beyond the levels required for entry-level practice. Continuing education activities must focus on increasing knowledge, skills and abilities defined in the Job Analysis Study (2019).

### **Petition Policy for Continuing Education**

Non-NASM-approved continuing education courses can be reviewed by petition only. A \$25 non-refundable administrative fee is required for each course/event petitioned.

### **CEU Requirement**

The number of CEU's required is 2.0.

- CEU's are based on contact hours. *Contact hours* are defined as the number of clock hours spent in direct participation in a structured educational format.
- One (1) contact hour is equivalent to point-one (0.1) CEU.

### **Recertification Audit**

There will be a random audit performed on all recertification applications submitted. If your application is chosen for audit, you will have 30 days to submit all supporting documentation to the NASM Recertification Department.

### **Change of Address**

Changes in mailing address must be provided to the NASM Recertification Department or suspension or revocation of the NASM-CPT credential may occur. You can keep your member information current by logging onto your member page from our website.

## How to recertify your NASM-CPT certification:

1. Log in to your NASM account and click on the link to the **NASM Recertification Portal**.
2. Click on **My CEUs** under the **Continuing Ed.** Section.
3. Enter your CEUs by choosing **Provider/Petition CEUs** or **Add Other CEUs**
4. Include documentation of continuing education courses (e.g., copies of CEU certificates of completion). A total of 2.0 **NASM-approved** CEU's are required. Include a copy of the front and back of your adult CPR and AED certification.
5. Click on **Renewal** under the **Certifications** section
6. Check the box next to your CPT expiration date and click on **Renew** or **Recertify for Life**
7. You will be directed to the NASM store to pay your recertification fee. A verification email will be sent once your application has been received.

## Category Requirements

### Maximum Number of CEU's Accepted Per Category

| Total Required | Category A Maximum | Category B Maximum | Category C Maximum | Category D Maximum |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2.0 CEU's      | 1.9                | 1.9                | 1.9                | 0.1                |

### Category A – NASM Approved Provider Offerings

Activities in this category are available through NASM-Approved providers and include:

| Possible Activities           | Number of CEU's    | Required Documentation    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Workshops                     | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of attendance |
| Conferences                   | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of attendance |
| Symposiums                    | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of attendance |
| Home-study Courses            | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of completion |
| NASM-Credential Courses       | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of completion |
| Other Approved Certifications | As awarded by NASM | Certificate of completion |

*A maximum of 1.9 CEU's can be obtained in Category A.*

- NASM will determine the number of CEU's awarded for activities in this category.
- All conferences, workshops and symposiums must be intended for an audience of health and fitness professionals.

- A list of current NASM-approved providers is available on NASM’s website.

### **Category B – Industry Contributions**

Activities in this category have been defined by NASM.

- Speaking engagements can be counted only once per topic.
- Topic must be related to health and fitness.

*A maximum of 1.9 CEU’s can be obtained in Category B.*

| <b>Possible Activities</b>                                 | <b>Number of CEU’s</b>   | <b>Required Documentation</b>  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Speaker at a conference                                    | 0.1 CEU/<br>contact hour | Letter of acknowledgement (include description of topic and length of time),<br>Outline of notes |
| Panelist at a conference                                   | 0.1 CEU/<br>contact hour | Letter of acknowledgement (include description of topic and length of time),<br>Outline of notes |
| Primary author in a peer-reviewed publication <sup>1</sup> | 0.5 CEU’s                | Copy of article; writer guidelines   |
| Primary author in a textbook                               | 0.5 CEU’s                | Copy of cover, table of contents,<br>500-word summary of contribution to industry                |

### **Category C – Post-Certification Collegiate Coursework**

CEU’s are awarded for successful completion of college or university courses, if the content falls within the Performance Domains defined by the most current Job Analysis Study.

- In order for a course to be eligible, it must be assigned credit hours and be listed on the official university transcript.
- Point-one CEU credit hour (0.1) is awarded for each semester credit hour (e.g., a 3 credit course receives 0.3 CEU’s).

*A maximum of 1.9 CEU’s can be obtained in Category C.*

| <b>Possible Activities</b>         | <b>Number of CEU’s</b>              | <b>Required Documentation</b>  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| College/official university course | 0.1 CEU<br>per official credit hour | Official university transcript |

- Acceptable courses include those specifically included in the following degree programs: Athletic Training, Biology, Biomechanics, Community Health, Emergency Medical Technician, Ergonomics, Exercise Physiology, Exercise Science, Health

<sup>1</sup> A peer-reviewed publication is one that has been reviewed by an editor and one (or more) specialists prior to its publication.

Science, Human Movement Science, Kinesiology, Massage Therapy, Nursing, Nutrition, Physical Education, Physical Therapy, and Sport Science.

- General Education requirements are accepted only with relevance to the health & fitness industry (e.g. Biology, Biomechanics, Business Administration, Communications, Exercise Physiology, Human Anatomy, and Human Physiology).
- In order for Massage Therapy courses to be accepted, they must be part of an ACCET-accredited program in good standing.
- Practicum courses, internship experiences and laboratory-format courses are **not** acceptable for CEU credit.
- Non-NASM weight training and/or conditioning courses are **not** acceptable for CEU credit.

**Category D – Emergency Cardiac Care (CPR) and Automated Defibrillator (AED) Certification: **REQUIRED****

CEU’s earned in this category are **REQUIRED**.

- Candidates must maintain and provide proof of current emergency cardiac care (CPR) certification and automated external defibrillator (AED) certification that meet the following criteria:
  - Must have a hands-on training component (online CPR/AED courses are not accepted)
  - Must include a skills demonstration evaluation from a trained instructor
  - Must require the passing of a standardized exam
- Recommended providers include:
  - American Heart Association
  - American Red Cross
  - American Safety and Health Institute
  - National Safety Council
  - St. John Ambulance
  - Emergency Medical Technician

*Only 0.1 CEU’s can be obtained in Category D.*

| <b>Possible Activities</b>                       | <b>Number of CEU’s</b> | <b>Required Documentation</b>                        |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Courses providing required CPR/AED certification | 0.1 CEU                | Front & back copies of current certification card(s) |