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Maintaining Your Gero Board Certification

Congratulations on becoming board certified! Now that you are a Gero-BC™, it is time to start thinking about what is needed to maintain your certification. There are professional development and practice hour re-quirements that are needed to renew. Follow the steps below to be sure that you are ready.

Step 1: Create a professional development tracker:

After you register to take the ANCC certification exam, you should have an account with ANCC. Log into your account, and from your account summary, top right column, under Professional Development, find links to enter continuing education. Become familiar with this resource at the beginning of your certification period-it will be helpful for renewal. You will have to apply for renewal every 5 years and pay a fee.

Step 2: Build your recertification plan:

Visit the ANCC website to review the current recertification requirements at:

<http://www.nursingworld.org/certification/renewals/>

Step 3: Communicate with your supervisor:

Although you have 5 years to accumulate the needed professional development and practice hours, you should renew 8 weeks to 1 year prior to your expiration date. Create a professional development plan with your supervisor. Schedule your activities well in advance. By doing this, you will sharpen your expertise, strengthen your partnership with your supervisor and facility, and be well prepared to recertify

Step 4: Record your progress:

Enter and save professional development activities in your ANCC account as they occur. From your account summary, top right column, under Professional Development, find the link to enter each category: ANCC continuing education (contact hours), academic credits, presentations, publications/research, preceptor hours and professional service. Keeping your records in a central place will facilitate the renewal process.