

Physician Assistant CME Hours requirements

Total hrs needed	Hours required
Formal Category 1 (AAPA)	20
Informal Hours - up to 20 hrs allowed	20

Total Hours required prior to biennial renewal **40**

Specialty type requirements

Subject Area	Hours required	Applicability	Frequency
Formal Category 1 Approved by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)	20	All physician assistants	each renewal period
Pain Management and the Prescription of Opioids (Category 1 or 1A)	2	any PA who 1) has a prescriptive authority agreement authorizing prescribing of opioids, or 2) has authorization to access the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)	1) within 1 year of issuance; and 2) for existing physician assistants every renewal
Human Trafficking Prevention	Yes	any PA who practices direct patient care	each renewal period

Pending/Future updates

<i>Forensic Examinations</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>PAs whose practice includes treating patients in an emergency room setting</i>	<i>each renewal period</i>
<i>Nutrition and Metabolic Health</i>	<i>unknown</i>	<i>all PAs</i>	<i>each renewal period</i>

Additional Options

Alternate compliance	Hours covered	Applicability	Requirements
NCCPA Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Most formal and informal	DOES NOT cover the Human trafficking prevention DOES NOT cover the opioid requirement	if current MOC is being met, can be used for multiple renewal periods

Exemptions	Hours covered	Applicability	Frequency
Licensee's catastrophic illness	All	Upon request	Valid for one renewal, but maybe renewed with additional request
Licensee's military service of >1 yrs outside of US	All	Upon request	Valid for one renewal, but maybe renewed with additional request
Licensee's residence of >1 yrs outside of US	All	Upon request	Valid for one renewal, but maybe renewed with additional request
Good Cause	All	Upon request	Valid for one renewal, but maybe renewed with additional request