The objective of the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) is to encourage lifelong learning. Lifelong learning is important to ensure EMS Clinicians are up-to-date on the latest clinical information and competent to deliver quality patient care.

The NCCP has three continuing education (CEU) requirement areas: National, State/Local, and Individual. The National Registry sets the requirements for the National portion. Effective in 2025 (nationally certified EMS clinicians with a certification expiration date of 03/31/2026), the number of hours of continuing education required by content (topic) is listed below under the “PROPOSED CREDITS BASED ON TEST SPECIFICATIONS” chart. There are no longer specific sub-topics that must be addressed under each content (topic).

Additionally, the National Registry is strongly encouraging the incorporation of evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) into the national component of the NCCP. As part of this overall initiative, the National Registry partnered with the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium (PGC). The PGC recommendations are to encourage EMS Clinicians and those who instruct them to incorporate evidence-based guidelines into their education and practice. The National Registry will help support this recommendation primarily through education and in some instances of the local state’s requirements for CEUs. The National Registry is working with the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) criteria for high-quality guidelines.

The CEU changes for the National requirements are captured in the following table.