

Purpose of Renewal of Certification

The purpose of renewal of the CBRPA certification is to assure with the rapidly changing technological advances in medical imaging that the individual is maintaining current knowledge and skill levels appropriate for an advanced level technologist.

Requirements

- Current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support certification is required.
- Current *active* registration in Radiography. is required because the RPA is an extension of the RT.
- Certificants are required to complete twenty-four (24) continuing education credits every two years in areas relevant to their clinical practice in order to maintain current knowledge and skills.

Rationale

Hospital credentialing committees require ACLS or PALS certification to allow RPAs to do intravenous and intra-arterial injections, and to work independently when performing some procedures.

Current active registration in radiography is required because the RPA is an extension of the Registered Technologist and because many states require an RT license in order to operate ionizing radiation equipment.

The time interval of two years to gain the required continuing education credits is based upon research stating that the obsolescence rate of technically oriented knowledge is approximately two years. (Houle, C., 1980) The continuing education is to assure the certficants are gaining new knowledge or new approaches to procedures. The 24 continuing education hours are in addition to the maintenance of ACLS certification and numerous hours of clinical practice experience gained performing medical imaging procedures and providing radiology services.