

Great Ways to Earn Contact Hours; Exciting Updates on CCTM Exam ^[1]

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Hello everyone, happy spring!

As the weather warms, it's time to look ahead and give you an update about what MSNBC has been working on.

First, on behalf of MSNBC, I would like to thank all our CMSRNs who took the time to answer our 3-question survey about certification in your practice. Your responses really had an impact on our agenda for the spring 2015 Board Meeting. They also gave us an opportunity to identify the issues that are affecting your practice. ([Click here](#) ^[2] for an infographic showing responses).

There were two issues that came up repeatedly on the survey results:

- An uncertainty among CMSRNs about being able to recertify because of the push by your facilities for you to obtain your BSN.
- Your ability to get the 90 continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours needed for recertification.

Well, I have a great solution to this conundrum! Did you realize that course work toward your BSN can count as contact hours toward recertification? A 3-credit course is worth 45 contact hours, and you can claim up to 5 credits. Depending on the content of the course, the hours can be applied to either medical-surgical or professional development.

Also, if you are a preceptor or mentor to nursing students and/or newly hired nurses, these hours can count toward medical-surgical contact hours. Thirty (30) hours as a preceptor/mentor = 5 contact hours, up to 20

contact hours.

There are many other opportunities to use your education and work experience to obtain contact hours. To learn more about earning your contact hours, [click here](#) [3].

Our other exciting news is about the [Care Coordination and Transition Management \(CCTM\) certification exam](#) [4]. We are getting ready to pilot the exam on May 16. Thank you to everyone who registered! It is very exciting to see how much work has been accomplished, in such a short timeframe.

I want to thank the Certification Task Force and Item Writers, the task force Chair Wes Foster, and Board Liaison Pat Kurz, for all of their hard work and dedication in making CCTM certification a reality.

Warm regards!

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