Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) Instructions for Users

Login to the Practitioner Portal on the NBRC website at [https://practitionerportal.nbrc.org/auth](https://practitionerportal.nbrc.org/auth).

![Sample Record](image-url)
Credential Maintenance Assessment Dashboard

To display available assessments, please select a credential type.

Credential type
- RRT
- RRT-NPS

Performance by Assessment

2022 Assessment 2
10 Questions: Opens on 04/01/2022
*CRCE credits only to reduce CEU’s documented for the NRMC

2022 Assessment 1
Assessment Open; Closes on 01/31/2023
*CRCE credits only to reduce CEU’s documented for the NRMC

2021 Assessment 4
Assessment Open; Closes on 03/31/2022
*CRCE credits only to reduce CEU’s documented for the NRMC

2021 Assessment 3
0 Correct, 0 Incorrect, 10 Unanswered; Closed on 12/31/2021
*CRCE credits only to reduce CEU’s documented for the NRMC

2021 Assessment 2
0 Correct, 0 Incorrect, 10 Unanswered; Closed on 09/30/2021

2021 Assessment 1
0 Correct, 0 Incorrect, 10 Unanswered; Closed on 06/30/2021

CEUs likely due on 06/30/2022

Check your CRCE progress
If multiple credentials are listed, select one to view the assessments associated with that credential.

The black dot indicates the color zone for how many CEUs are likely due on the credential expiration date. The color zone is determined by a practitioner’s performance on assessments associated with all credentials.

- Red = 30 CEUs due
- Yellow = 15 CEUs due
- Green = 0 CEUs due

This gauge shows a practitioner’s progress in earning CRCE credits for the year and is based on participation in assessments for each credential individually.
Click “Start” to access an open assessment. New assessments open quarterly on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Open assessments are available until January 31 of the following year.
Like questions on credentialing examinations, assessment questions are copyright protected and for confidential, personal use only. Do not copy, disclose, or distribute any part or portion. You must agree to the Terms and Conditions to proceed.

Be mindful that you have 5 minutes to answer each question and cannot pause the timer once it’s started. Some questions include images, which could be best viewed on a large screen. Decide what screen to use before opening a question because the timer cannot be stopped. A question cannot be accessed twice, even within the 5 minute window, so be careful not to close the browser window or exit the assessment.
To make a selection, click on the letter for your answer. Your selected answer becomes shaded. Click the submit button once you are satisfied with your selection.

**Question 1 of 5**

While performing blood gas analysis on a capillary blood sample, a respiratory therapist determines the sample is clotted. Which of the following should the therapist do?

A. Install an anticoagulant into the analyzer.
B. Flush the sample line and recalibrate the analyzer.
C. Remembrane the electrodes.
D. Run a control sample through the analyzer.

Submit
Providing feedback about the confidence and relevance of your responses will help determine the content of future CMP assessments.
After submitting your answer, you will learn immediately whether your answer is correct. An explanation will be displayed next to each option. The explanation for each answer starts with a code that defines the intent behind the option. Options codes are defined below:

- **h** = a response that could harm the patient
- **u** = a response that is not correct
- **a** = a responses that could be acceptable, but is not the best among the four options
- **c** = the response that is the best among the four options and credited as correct

Explanation for options on assessments for general respiratory therapy, adult critical care specialty, and neonatal/pediatric specialty may include a secondary code for ethics, in addition to a code for harmful, unacceptable, acceptable, or correct. The ethics coding is as follows:

- **e** = a response that engages thinking about ethics

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**Question 2 of 5**

A physician orders an FIO₂ of 0.40 for a premature infant in an isolette. Which of the following delivery devices should a respiratory therapist select?

- **×** air-entrainment mask
  - (h) The FIO₂ delivered with an air-entrainment mask will be adequate, but the higher flow may decrease the patient's body temperature.

- **✓** oxygen hood
  - (c) The oxygen hood will deliver a precise FIO₂. It will allow maintenance of a neutral thermal environment and access for nursing care.

- **×** nasal cannula
  - (h) The FIO₂ of a nasal cannula is variable based on minute ventilation and liter flow.

- **×** simple mask
  - (h) The FIO₂ delivered by a simple mask is variable and may exceed the amount necessary for the premature infant.

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**Exit**  
**Next Question**
After returning to your CMP dashboard or logging in later, select the review button to see questions and answer for an assessment.
When reviewing, the question with explanations for each answer are provided again. In addition, a reference is included for each question. References are only displayed when reviewing questions from your CMP dashboard.

References
Assessment content targets respiratory care concepts that change rapidly and put patients at high risk. Submission of correct responses will document that competence has been maintained. Following up with a question that was missed by studying option explanations and the reference will help address the need to strengthen competence about this vital topic.

Statistics are calculated to give feedback to participants in the dashboard.