



2023 CME & Continuing Certification Activities Guide

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) offers a number of educational initiatives that provide high-quality and innovative continuing medical education (CME) for psychiatrists and other mental health clinicians with the ultimate goal of advancing patient care. Please see below for a list of CME activities that assist APA members and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) diplomates in meeting the four components of Continuing Certification (CC) requirements.

APA reports CME and CC completion data on behalf of our members directly to ABPN, however, diplomates are still required to log on to their [ABPN Physician Portal](#) at least once per calendar year to attest to completion of their activities. Please [click here](#) for more information on the ABPN CC Requirements.

Part 1- Professionalism and Professional Standing

To show evidence of professional standing, all board-certified physicians must continuously hold an active, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, or province of Canada. Full details of licensure requirements can be found in the General Information and Board Policies publication on the [ABPN website](#). Licenses must be kept up to date in an [ABPN Physician Portal](#).

Part 2 - CME, Self-Assessment (SA) and Patient Safety

CME

In support of improving patient care, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Title	CME Credit	CC Requirement	Cost
APA Learning Center	The APA provides CME credit for Learning Center activities based on the length of each educational offering.	Part 2	Most APA webinars and eLearning courses are free; Some cost to enroll or attend at a discounted rate for members.

Self-Assessment (SA)

The APA offers self-assessment activities to help physicians assess current knowledge in major topics in psychiatry, providing feedback that can be used as the subsequent basis for focused CME, lifelong learning, and/or professional development.

Title	CME Credit	CC Requirement	Cost
2023 APA Annual Meeting Self-Assessment in Psychiatry	APA designates this enduring material CME activity for a maximum of 8 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</i> .	Part 2	Free to APA members and ABPN Diplomates
2022 FOCUS Self-Assessment Exam	The APA designates the Focus Self-Assessment Examination for a maximum of 24 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</i> .	Part 2	Free to FOCUS Journal Subscribers
2021 FOCUS Self-Assessment Exam	The APA designates the Focus Self-Assessment Examination for a maximum of 24 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</i> .	Part 2	Free to FOCUS Journal Subscribers
PsychPRO: APA's Mental Health Registry	Waiver of 8 non-CME SA credits	Part 2	Free to APA members and ABPN Diplomates

For more information on Part 2 SA Requirements [click here](#).

Patient Safety

The APA Patient Safety Education and Quality Improvement course will enable physicians to learn essential knowledge, skills and attitudes about safety that they can then apply to their own clinical environment. This program is intended to provide the foundation for a new culture and new practices through education on various topics required by the ABMS and some additional areas of interest. Modules are comprised of video and slide lectures.

Title	CME Credits	CC Requirement	Cost
Patient Safety in Psychiatry	The APA designates this enduring material for a maximum of 4 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™</i> .	Part 2	Discounted rate for APA members

For more information on Patient Safety Requirements [click here](#).

Part 3: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

ABPN has selected over 50 APA articles as part of their Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway. As a member benefit, APA is providing these articles free to members along with CME credit for reading each article. Each article is accredited for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

Title	CME Credits	CC Requirement	Cost
Lifelong Learning: Continuous Certification Articles	The APA designates each article for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Learners must complete assessments for each article on the ABPN website.	Part 3	Free to APA members and ABPN Diplomates
For more information on Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway Requirements click here .			

Part 4- Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)

The APA's PIP modules are guided practice improvement programs created for psychiatrists and are designed to meet Part 4 Continuing Certification requirements for clinical modules. PIP Modules follow a three-stage Performance Improvement CME structure that takes place within a 24-month period. Psychiatrists can earn up to 20 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ for the completion of each 3-stage module.

Title	CME Credits	CC Requirement	Cost
PIP: Practice Assessment Tool for the Care of Patients with a Diagnosis of Schizophrenia	The APA designates this PIP CME activity for a maximum of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Part 4	Free to APA members and FOCUS journal subscribers ; \$399 for non-members
PIP: Physician Practice Assessment Tool for the Assessment and Treatment of Adults at Risk for Suicide and Suicide-Related Behaviors	The APA designates this PIP CME activity for a maximum of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Part 4	Free to APA members and FOCUS journal subscribers ; \$399 for non-members
PIP: Clinical Module for Screening Adult Psychiatric Patients for Substance Use Disorders	The APA designates this PIP CME activity for a maximum of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Part 4	Free to APA members and FOCUS journal subscribers ; \$399 for non-members

PIP: Clinical Module for the Care of Patients with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	The APA designates this PIP CME activity for a maximum of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Part 4	Free to APA members and FOCUS journal subscribers ; \$399 for non-members
PsychPRO: APA's Mental Health Registry	Waiver of 8 non-CME SA credits	Part 4	Free to APA members and ABPN Diplomates
For more information on Part 4 PIP requirements click here .			

Additional APA CME Offerings

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Below are additional live and enduring CME activities that are provided to APA members:

Title	CME Credit	Cost
SMI Adviser	The APA designates each SMI Adviser webinar activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Free
APA Annual Meeting	The APA designates this live meeting for a maximum of 43 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Cost to attend
Mental Health Services Conference	The APA designates this live meeting for a maximum of 17.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Cost to attend
@TheAPASeries: Addictions Update	The APA designates this live meeting for a maximum of 5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.	Cost to attend

Focus: The Journal of Lifelong Learning in Psychiatry	The APA designates the Quarterly Focus Article Quizzes for a maximum of 5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. <i>*Up to 20 CME credits annually</i>	Annual Subscription
American Journal of Psychiatry	The APA designates each AJP journal-based CME activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. <i>*Up to 36 CME credits annually (3 CME articles per month)</i>	Annual Subscription
For more information on APA Education click here.		

Questions? Please contact us at educme@psych.org for any questions about APA educational offerings.