

Respiratory Care Practitioner [RCP] Renewal and Continuing Education Information

- 1. Continuing Education Timeframe** - You must have completed at least thirty (30) hours of continuing education in the RENEWAL PERIOD [June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2025).

RCPs in their **FIRST** renewal cycle after receiving their initial permanent license are **NOT** required to complete CME for this renewal period only.

- 2. Continuing education sponsorship-** courses must be approved or sponsored by one of the following organizations.
 - a. American Association for Respiratory Care, Inc. or its sponsoring organizations
 - b. American Heart Association to include The RQI program
 - c. The Society for Critical Care Medicine
 - d. American Lung Association
 - e. South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care
 - f. Allied Health Education Centers of the South Carolina Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals [AHEC]
 - g. American Thoracic Society
 - h. American College of Chest Physicians
 - i. American Society of Anesthesiologists
 - j. Accredited institutional continuing education programs:
 1. Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
 2. American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation
- 3. Approved Number of Contact Hours**

BLS Initial/Certification	4
BLS refresher/recertification (PHR/ PHB BLS, etc.)	2
PALS Initial/Certification (2 day class)	8
PALS refresher/recertification	4
ACLS Initial/Certification	8
ACLS refresher/recertification	4
NRP initial/Certification	8
NRP refresher/recertification	4