

PANRE-LA[®] (Longitudinal Assessment)

What is PANRE-LA[®]?

Board Certified PAs now have two options to meet the recertification exam requirement - the traditional **Physician Assistant National Recertifying Examination[®] (PANRE)** administered at proctored testing centers, and the **PANRE Longitudinal Assessment (PANRE-LA[®])**. If you're wondering if PANRE-LA is for you, here are some key features to help inform your decision.

Format

- Accessible on any compatible device.
- 25 questions each quarter with 5 minutes to answer each question.
- Online/print resources can be used to help answer questions.
- Content based on PANRE/ PANRE-LA Blueprint.
- Immediate feedback after each question with explanation and references.

Scoring

- Scale scores reflect the participant's performance and the relative difficulty of the questions they answer.
- The passing standard is not anchored to a specific raw score.
- Cumulative performance feedback provided quarterly.
- Final score uses the best 8 of 12 quarters.

Learning

- Incorporates elements of adult learning and spaced education.
- 5 topics repeated each quarter to facilitate learning and reinforce existing knowledge.
- Earn Category 1 CME for each quarter completed.

Feedback from PAs participating in PANRE-LA

- More than 90% considered PANRE-LA to be a valuable learning experience, empowering them to stay current in profession and identifying areas for improvement.
- More than 84% felt it enhanced their skills as practitioners
- Nearly 79% have already applied their new knowledge in practice



Strengths and benefits participants appreciated:

- Formative learning process
- Feedback after each question
- Convenience and flexibility
- Reduced stress/anxiety
- More relevant and reflective of clinical practice
- Ability to review past questions
- Ability to use print or online resources
- Easy to use exam delivery interface

PANRE Longitudinal Assessment Process Timeline



Eligibility

Board Certified PAs who want to participate in PANRE-LA must apply in the 6th year of their recertification cycle and start the exam in their 7th year.

PAs who do not successfully complete PANRE-LA will have a maximum of three opportunities to take and pass PANRE at a Pearson VUE test center.

2026 Application Information



PAs who are due to recertify in 2030 are eligible to apply for PANRE-LA in 2026, the 6th year of their recertification cycle. The application window opens in July and closes December 18th.

Traditional PANRE

The traditional proctored PANRE will still be available for PAs who prefer this format or who do not successfully complete PANRE-LA. PANRE is available in the 9th and 10th years of the recertification cycle. Both exams use the same blueprint and question format. The application fee for each exam is \$350.

Resources

available at www.nccpa.net/maintain-certification/#about-panre-la



PANRE-LA overview



FAQs



Content blueprint



PANRE-LA tutorial



Sample questions



PANRE-LA podcast

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