

SANE/SAE Lapse of Certification Recertification Instructions & Requirements

The Oregon Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/Sexual Assault Examiner (SAE) Certification Commission has established recertification requirements for individuals whose certification has lapsed. Recertification requires an eligible SANE/SAEs to complete three sexual assault exams and 15 speculum exams and 25 contact hours of relevant clinical or non-clinical Continuing Education (CE).

To Apply for Recertification Applicants Must:

- Have been certified as an Oregon Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner or Oregon Sexual Assault Examiner within the past three years.
- Hold a current unrestricted license as a RN, NP, PA, MD or DO in Oregon
- Must maintain an average of 20 hours per week of relevant active clinical practice including the direct assessment and care of patients.

For questions about this process contact:

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Application Procedure

To become recertified as an Oregon SANE/SAE, the following needs to be submitted:

- SANE/SAE Lapse of Certification Recertification Application
- Appropriate Recertification Fee of \$100
- Documentation of Continuing Education Hours
- CE/Practice Verification Log
- 3 Sexual Assault Exams

Please **send** copies of training certificates, exams or other information. It is also important that you keep these in your own personal files in the event that your name comes up for a verification audit.

Completed materials should be sent to:

The Oregon SANE/SAE Certification Commission
c/o The Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force
859 Liberty Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

General Guidelines

- Applications with incomplete information or insufficient fees will receive a notification letter and must be completed within the required time frame.
- Recertification applications are processed based according to when they are received by the SCC and the certification expiration date.
- Candidates who successfully meet all program requirements will have their Oregon SANE/SAE Certification renewed for three years.
- Required documentation includes the SANE/SAE Lapse of Certification Recertification Application, 3 Sexual Assault Exams, and the CE/Practice Verification Log.
- Certified SANES/SAEs should keep documentation related to CEs and their clinical practice in their personal files. The SCC reserves the right to request copies of any necessary documentation in the event of an audit or for the purposes of clarification.
- All SCC fees are nonrefundable.

Practice Requirements

This category includes actual clinical practice. In order to stay certified, SANES/SAEs must maintain an average of 20 hours per week of relevant active nursing practice including the assessment and care of injured patients. The SCC acknowledges the best way to stay in practice as a SANE/SAE is by conducting sexual assault exams and therefore requires a minimum of 3 exams during every three years of certification. Additionally, competency and skill at inserting a speculum is necessary for conducting sexual assault exams therefore a minimum of 15 are required during every three years of certification. Other relevant clinical practice will be considered towards the requirements under the CE category. A Commission approved* precepted mock exam may be used for one of the required sexual assault exams.

CE Guidelines

- CE should have a clear and direct application to SANE/SAE practice.
- For CE hours to be applicable for recertification, it must have occurred during the three-year period of certification. For example, if your SANE/SAE Certification expires March 31, 2009, the three-year period of certification is from April 1, 2006 until March 31, 2009.
- It is the responsibility of the candidate to identify hours of CE activities using the CE Recertification requirements. SCC will make the final determination as to category and acceptability of submissions.

Continuing Education (CE) Requirements and Allowances:

Continuing Education requirements are intended to promote ongoing learning and interest in SANE/SAE specialization but may not be substituted for the practice requirements. This category includes any educational offering related to the professional practice of forensic nursing in general and SANE/SAE practice specifically, as well as participation in SANE/SAE related activities. In order to ensure a balance of relevant activities and experience, the SCC has set allowances for the combination of CEs applicable to the 25 CE requirement for recertification.

Allowable Variation of Continuing Education* Hours

Relevant Conferences or Courses	10 CE maximum
Teaching or Publication related to SANE Practice	10 CE maximum
Active Participation on SART/MDT/SATF	10 CE maximum
Trial Testimony or Case Review	10 CE maximum
Professional Memberships	5 CE maximum

* actual documented hours or CEs given

Although a CE provider or approver may categorize the CE courses, it is the SANE's/SAE's responsibility to ensure the appropriate categorization of CE on the CE/Practice Verification Log.

Measurement of Continuing Education Hours

Terminology varies across disciplines for continuing education credit. SCC uses the measurement of contact hours in which **one contact hour equals a minimum of 50 minutes**. Following are some guidelines to assist in determining contact hours:

- 1 contact hour equals 1 CE
- 1 academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours
- 1 academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours
- 1 academic trimester credit equals 12 contact hours

Non-Acceptable Sources of Continuing Education

- Academic course work not clinically or professionally related (e.g. English literature)
- In-service trainings less than 50 minutes in length
- Orientation Sessions

Acceptable Sources of Continuing Education

Conferences, Courses, and Independent Studies

- It is recommended, but not required, that CEs be obtained through conferences, courses and independent studies approved by an official accreditation body. Examples of accrediting bodies and organizations include the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), California State Board of Nursing, Oregon Nurses Association National Association of Social Work and a medical accrediting body. CME (Continuing Medical Education) is also acceptable. Documentation provided by these bodies tend to give essential information.
- Approvers are those groups that approve continuing education whereas providers are those responsible for development and delivery of the program. For example, a hospital may have a course and be the provider of the course. However, on the certificate, a statement would identify who approved their continuing education offering. Sometimes the approver and provider are the same.
- Continuing education that has not been approved by an accredited nursing or medical organization is acceptable if the content is beneficial to SANE/SAE practice and is a

minimum of 50 minutes. Examples include but are not limited to: Forensic photography, legal interviewing, expert testimony, etc.

- Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs are specific to physicians, but because the educational content of a program approved for CMEs has a benefit to SANEs/SAEs, CMEs will be recognized for recertification.

Accrediting Bodies

Please note that the SCC is not an accrediting body. If you have questions related to the number of contact hours approved for a particular educational course or seminar or to have a course approved, contact the related accrediting organization.

College Courses

- A grade of "C" or better must be obtained for recertification usage.
- The courses must be applicable to SANE/SAE practice.

Teaching or Publication Related to SANE/SAE Practice – 10 CE maximum

Delivering Presentations or Teaching a Course

- Each presentation or course may be used only once for recertification
- Each presentation or course must be a minimum of 50 minutes in length

Publications

- The written piece must be of educational value and have references.
- Publications written by more than one author will have the allowable credit evenly distributed among all authors.
- Contact hours will be awarded in the following amounts:
 - Chapter of a book - 10 contact hours
 - Authoring a journal article - 5 contact hours
 - Item writing for newsletter or internal publication - 1 contact hour

Professional Activities and Memberships

(Active Participation on SART/MDT/SATF, trial testimony or case review, and other relevant professional memberships)

SANes/SAEs are integral to a coordinated community response to sexual assault. As such, the SCC recognizes the importance of consistent involvement of SANes/SAEs in local communities and acknowledges the educational value of such involvement through CE credits.

- Contact hours will be awarded in the following amounts:
 - Participation on SART/MDT/SATF – actual contact hours, 10 hour maximum
 - Trial testimony or case review – actual contact hours, 10 hour maximum
 - Professional membership – 1 contact hour per membership, 5 hour maximum

Lapse of Certification Recertification CE/Practice Audit

Please submit documents from CE and Practice activities. Documentation for CE should include certificates from an accredited provider. For non-accredited activities, written documentation of attendance by the chair, instructor or supervisor is acceptable.

CE documentation should include:

- Name of participant
- Dates of the course
- Length of activity (in hours)
- Title of the course or conference
- A grade report if using academic credits
- If author of a book, a copy of the title page, number of pages, and table of contents.
- If authoring a chapter, a copy of the title page and table of contents with chapter name and author
- If published in a journal, a table of contents with title and author
- If an item writer, documentation from the editor or organization with the number of items in total
- If involved in a related professional activity documentation of membership or involvement is sufficient.

Other supportive material may include syllabi, course outlines, handouts or other course materials.

Practice documentation should include:

- Dates of exams
- Age of patients
- Attending physician (if applicable)
- Estimated number of speculum exams conducted within the 3 year period prior to certification expiration
- Supervisor/contact name(s) for validation of completed speculum exams

It is the responsibility of every SANE/SAE to maintain complete records of their practice and continuing education hours and to submit them to the SANE/SAE Certification Commission for Recertification.

SANE/SAE Lapse of Certification Recertification CE/Clinical Practice Verification Log

Name _____ License + SANE/SAE Cert # _____

Renewal Period: From _____ To _____

REQUIREMENTS

Certified Oregon SANEs/SAEs seeking recertification must complete 3 sexual assault exams (1 full mock exam may substitute for an actual exam), 15 speculum exams (can include the 3 sexual assault exams if speculum exams were completed), and 25 relevant continuing education hours with in the three-year period prior to the certification expiration date in order to maintain active certification status. **You are encouraged to include information about all related continuing education you have participated in. However, please note that there are maximums that can be applied to the requirements in each category. Please make sure that you have enough across categories to meet the full requirements.**

DIRECTIONS

1. Print or type all information legibly. This form may be photocopied. Keep a copy of this completed log for your records and submit a copy with your Recertification Application. Keep detailed records of dates of exams, speculum exams and certificates from Continuing Education activities to submit if you are audited.
2. Please attach all documents verifying continuing education and practice activities, in the order listed, to a copy of this completed form. Do not submit originals.
3. Submit all documentation and fees to: **The Oregon SANE/SAE Certification Commission, c/o The Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, 93 Van Buren Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402.**

Continuing Education Hours

In order to ensure a balance of relevant activities and experience, the SCC has set the following allowances for the combination of CEs applicable to the 25 CE requirements for recertification:

- Relevant Conferences or Courses 10 CE maximum
- Teaching or Publication related to SANE/SAE Practice 10 CE maximum
- Active Participation on SART/MDT/SATF 10 CE maximum
- Trial Testimony or Case Review 10 CE maximum
- Professional Memberships 5 CE maximum

Courses, Trainings or Conferences (10 CE maximum applied to requirements)

Program/Course Title	Date(s) of Program/Course	Sponsoring Organization or School	CE Equivalent*
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

7.			
(please add) TOTAL			

Teaching/Presentations (10 CE maximum including Publication applied to requirements)

Conference/Class Name	Presentation Title	Date Provided	CE Equivalent*
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
(please add) TOTAL			

Publications (10 CE maximum including Teaching/Presentations applied to requirements)

Title/Name of Publication	Publish Date	Type of Publication	Author or Editor	CE Equivalent*
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
(please add) TOTAL				

Professional Activities and Memberships (5 CE for Memberships/10 CE for Activities applied to requirements)

Type of Activity (SART, MDT, Trial, Case Review, etc.)	Typical length of activity (hours)	Frequency (monthly, one-time, etc.)	CE Equivalent*
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
(please add) TOTAL			

Please Attach documents verifying continuing education and practice activities, in the order listed, to a copy of this completed form.

* For Continuing Education Equivalent see the "Measurement of Continuing Education Hours" section in the SANE/SAE Recertification Requirements Document.

Sexual Assault Exams & Speculum Exams

Please submit three exams for recertification.

Speculum Exams

- I conduct speculum exams on female patients as a regular part of my job, or
- I have completed at least 15 speculum exams within the last three years through the following arrangement (explain):

Contact person(s) for verification of speculum exams:

Name	Title	Organization	Contact Phone Number

Please total the amount applied to the requirements – do not exceed maximum in any category)

- Total Continuing Education Credits:** _____
- Total Sexual Assault Exams:** _____
- Total Mock Exams:** _____
- Total Speculum Exams:** _____

I confirm that all the information I have submitted is accurate and true.

Signature

Date