

2026 CNLCP® RECERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

Overview of the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board

The Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board provides oversight of the certification examination for Nurse Life Care Planners. This oversight includes item and examination review (item writing and test question selection); tracking of initial certification and quality assurance of the exam and periodic updates of exam content outlines based on industry trends. A passing score on the certification exam allows a nursing professional to utilize the designation Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®) for a period of five (5) years. The certification board is a non-profit, voluntary organization comprised of up to eight (8) members, specializing in the field of life care planning, and who have earned the designation of Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®), and/or Certified Health Professional Life Care Planner (CHLCP®), and one (1) public member with an interest in the field.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board is to ensure a certification process that validates qualifications and knowledge obtained through professional education and experience in the specialty.

The Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board:

Identifies and implements certification and re-certification standards and credentials for the Certified Health Professional Life Care Planner (CHLCP®) and the Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP®) professional designations.

Ensures that all decisions made by the Certification Board are taken in accordance with the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board's established bylaws and guidelines.

Develops criteria and oversees the approval process for core curriculum providers and continuing education providers of education programs for the CNLCP® and the CHLCP® certifications.

Ensures that initial certifications and renewals meet the established criteria.

Holds in highest regard the privacy confidential information of its Certificants.

Addresses any public concerns with regard to Certificants.

Directs the application process for accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) for the CNLCP® certification process.

Develops the item writing and test content for the CNLCP® and CHLCP® certifications consistent with evidence-based specialty standards for life care planning.

Does not discriminate against any person.

Position Statement

As healthcare has become more complex, it is increasingly vital to assure the public that healthcare professionals are competent. Individual State professional healthcare licensure measures entry-level competence only; and, in so doing, provides the legal authority for an individual to practice within their area of expertise. It is the minimum professional practice standard.

Certification, on the other hand, is a formal recognition that validates proficiency in knowledge, experience, skills, and clinical judgment within a specific healthcare specialty; and, as such, is reflective of a more stringent professional practice standard. It affirms expertise beyond basic licensure.

The Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board is a separately incorporated entity that facilitates consumer health and safety through credentialing/certification of healthcare professionals. It ensures that an individual's practice is consistent with established standards of excellence in life care planning.

Similar to consumers knowing to seek out certification status within other licensed professions (e.g., dentists, pharmacists), certification within the field of life care planning has become an important indicator that a healthcare professional not only holds a state licensure to practice, but is qualified, competent and has met rigorous requirements in the achievement of the CNLCP® and/or the CHLCP® credential.

CNLCP® Certification Renewal

Certification in nurse life care planning is recognized for a period of five (5) years, at which time the Candidate must retake and pass the current Nurse Life Care Planner Certification Examination or meet such requirements* in effect at the time in order to retain certification.

*See the Educational Requirements section below for further details.

The CNLCP® recertification criteria include verification of sixty (60) continuing education units (e.g., CEUs, points of credit) pertaining to life care planning, or completion of at least twelve (12) academic semester credits of coursework related to life care planning. Candidates must have maintained active professional healthcare licensure, without restrictions, throughout the certification period of five (5) years.

To renew by points of credit/continuing education unit requirements, the CNLCP® must:

- Have current licensure as a registered nurse, with no restrictions. A copy of your current RN license must be sent with your recertification application.
- Complete the enclosed recertification application listing sixty (60) hours of continuing education units (CEUs) and/or 60 points of credit hours earned within your 5-year certification period.
- Include copies of the Provider Certificates of Course Completion that include verification of course hours. The Certificate should also include the name of the course provider, course title, provider name, and location of the course.
- Have no lapse in CNLCP® certification.
- Include required renewal fee of \$395 for AANLCP® members or \$495 for nonmembers.

To renew by Portfolio Examination, contact ULPCB™ Secretary, Shirley Daugherty at shirley@daugherty-legalnurse.com. The exam must be completed prior to the expiration of your certification.

Educational Requirements

Sixty (60) points of credit are needed every five (5) years for renewal. The Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board points of credit renewal system is designed to encourage professional development. The system affords the CNLCP® the latitude to select from a variety of education activities that meet both the professional and personal needs as described in the following categories:

Category 1: Continuing Education Hours: One hour (60 minutes) of approved nursing/medical/healthcare continuing education pertaining to life care planning = one contact hour. Examples of courses that would be approved include but are not limited to: Life care planning relevant to SCI, TBI, prosthetics, amputations, burns, chronic pain, case management, medical/health, and nursing process. Questions regarding applicability of a particular course can be resolved through submission of course outlines to the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board for review/approval of contact hours 90 days prior to the application renewal deadline.

Category 2: Academic Credit: Verification of the twelve (12) academic semester credits of coursework related to life care planning. Course semester outlines should be submitted to the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the renewal deadline.

Category 3: Presentations: Five (5) points of credit for each presentation, for which national or state-approved continuing education has been granted to participants, for a maximum of ten (10) per five (5) year renewal period. Presentation outlines should be submitted to the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the application for renewal deadline.

Category 4: Publications or Research: Publications or research related to life care planning articles should be submitted to the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board for review/approval of points of credit 90 days prior to the application renewal.

- ***Publications:*** Five (5) Points of Credit will be awarded for one article published in a peer-reviewed journal related to life care planning. Certificant must be the author, or co-author.

Ten (10) Points of Credit will be awarded for one chapter published in a peer-reviewed book related to life care planning. Certificant must be the author, co-author, editor, co-editor, or reviewer.

- ***Research:*** Forty (40) Points of Credit will be awarded for an institutional review board (IRB) research project, a completed dissertation, thesis, or graduate-level scholarly project related to life care planning completed during the five (5) year certification period, for which the Certificant is clearly identified as one of the primary researchers/authors.

Category 5: Life Care Planning Membership Organization Executive Board/Committee Participation, Certification Board/Committee Participation: 10 contact hours per year with documented or verified annual participation will be awarded. Participation is defined as 85% participation on the committee. The maximum points of credit that can be earned are 20 points in a five-year period.

Record Keeping

- It is your responsibility to maintain your records.
- Copies of your Certificates of Completion must be sent with your recertification application.
- It is your responsibility to remember to recertify before your certification expiration date.

Late Fee

For candidates who submit the application within 30 days after the expiration of your CNLCP® credential, the fee, including a late fee, will be \$595 for AANCLP members and \$695 for non-members.

To recertify by continuing education, please visit www.ulcpcb.org to apply online and pay by credit card. Should you wish to pay by check, please fully complete, sign and return the Recertification by Continuing Education application with your fee, copies of your Certificates of Completion and your current RN license to:

Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board
ATTN: CNLCP® Renewal
P.O. Box 3311
Concord, NH 03302-3311

The application fee must be paid by check if mailing in a paper copy. Please make your check payable to: Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board.

If the recertification application is delinquent and received beyond 30 days of the expiration date, the Candidate is no longer able to use the designation of CNLCP® and, as such, must submit to retesting.

Further information can be obtained at www.ulcpcb.org or www.cnlcp.org

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Application for
Certified Nurse Life Care Planners Recertification by Continuing Education



MARKING INSTRUCTIONS: This form will be scanned by computer, so please make your marks heavy and dark, filling the boxes completely. Please print uppercase letters and avoid contact with the edge of the box. See example provided.

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Candidate Information

Please enter your Name exactly as it appears on your current Government-Issued Photo I.D.

☐ Mr. First Name		☐ Mrs. Middle Initial	
☐ Ms.		☐ Dr.	
Last Name		Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.)	
Home Address - Number and Street		Apartment Number	
City		State/Province Zip/Postal Code	
Daytime Phone		Evening Phone	
Email Address (Please enter only ONE email address. Use two lines if your email address does not fit in one line.)			
RN License Number: License State: License Expiration (Month/Year)			
Current Certification Date (day/month/year) Current Certification Number			
Current Employer			
Employer Address - Number and Street Suite/Room/Floor			
City State Zip Code			

Background Information

A. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS TO WHICH YOU BELONG:

- ☐ American Association of Nurse Life Care Planners (AANLCP)
- ☐ American Nurses Association
- ☐ American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
- ☐ Case Management Society of America
- ☐ Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
- ☐ National Institute of Case Managers
- ☐ International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals /International Academy of Life Care Planners
- ☐ Other _____

B. ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF AANLCP?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, Membership No: _____

NOTE: Membership in AANLCP is not required.

C. ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS WITH AANLCP?

☐ No ☐ Yes

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Name

D. CONTINUING EDUCATION - Life Care Planning:

You must provide documentation of continuing education. You are required to complete 60 CEUs within appropriate course content in the last five-year period beginning from the date of your initial certification or recertification. You must maintain an unrestricted, current RN license throughout the five-year certification period. Refer to your Recertification Guidelines (www.ulcpb.org) for appropriate course content and for alternatives to continuing education. You may duplicate this page if more space is needed.

YOU MUST SEND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AND/OR COPIES OF CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE KEPT BY YOU FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS. YOUR DOCUMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE CERTIFICATION BOARD.

DATES	NAME OF COURSE	CONTACT NUMBER & ADDRESS OF CEU PROVIDER	CONTACT HOURS	FOR ULPCB™ USE
TOTAL HOURS THIS PAGE =>				

Candidate Signature

I have read the recertification guidelines for Candidates and understand that I am responsible for knowing its contents. I certify that the information given in this Application is in accordance with recertification guidelines instructions and is accurate, correct, and complete. Information of a candidate's initial certification date, renewal dates, and any CNLCP® suspensions or revocation of CNLCP® will be released by the Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board (ULPCB™) Certification Board upon requests to any public entity or agency. Verification is also available via the website tool. By signing this Application, I am providing authorization for release of this information and for the use of aggregate data. I additionally authorize the ULPCB™ to post my name, email address, date of my initial certification and expiration date on the ULPCB™ website for its online listing of current certified nurse life care planners. Additional personal information will not be released without my approval.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PAYMENT: We are only able to accept checks for mail-in applications. Please go to www.ulcpb.org and apply online should you wish to pay by credit card.

Checks should be made out to: "Universal Life Care Planner Certification Board"

Please include "CNLCP Renewal" in memo line.

Please mail your completed application with payment to:

UNIVERSAL LIFE CARE PLANNER CERTIFICATION BOARD

ATTN: CNLCP RENEWAL

P.O. BOX 3311, CONCORD, NH 03302-3311

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date

Fee: