



## December Testing Window is Final Opportunity for CHPCA, CHPLN Certification Exams

*Recertification will continue through HPAR*

This December's testing window is the last opportunity to take the Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA) or Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN) examinations as a new credential. Beginning on January 1, 2018, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center will no longer offer these exams.

However, HPCC will continue to offer a recertification process for individuals who have obtained and maintained these two credentials. Detailed information on the Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification Process (HPAR) is available under **Recertification** under either [advancingexpertcare.org/chpca](http://advancingexpertcare.org/chpca) or [advancingexpertcare.org/chpln](http://advancingexpertcare.org/chpln), or you may contact the HPCC staff for additional assistance at 412-787-1057 or [hpcc@gohpcc.org](mailto:hpcc@gohpcc.org).

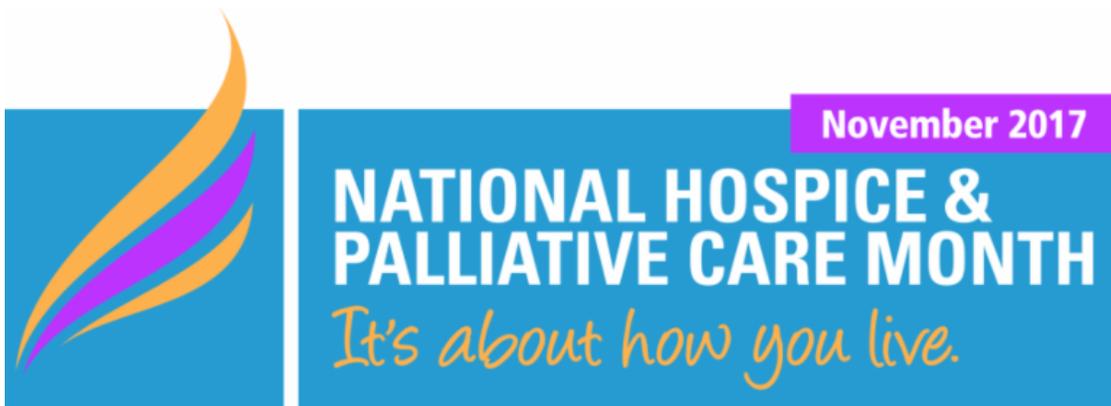
The application deadline for the December testing window is Wednesday, November 15, so don't delay. Click on the link below to register.

[Click Here to Register for the December Testing Window](#)

## December is Also the Last Opportunity to Test in 2017, so Apply Today!

The application deadline for the December 2017 testing window is **Wednesday, November 15**. Please download and/or print the appropriate handbook for the exam you plan to take. The [candidate handbooks](#) are available online at [www.goHPCC.org](http://www.goHPCC.org) and contain information about each exam such as how to apply, fees, schedules, detailed content outline of the information covered on the exam, suggested references for study, and much more! [Online registration](#) is also available.

Be sure to view the 2017 certification [application fee schedule](#). HPNA members continue to receive substantial exam discounts as a membership benefit! Keep your HPNA membership current to receive this and many other benefits. Visit our web site at [advancingexpertcare.org/membership](http://advancingexpertcare.org/membership) if interested.



November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, which is set aside as a time to raise awareness of the high quality care that helps patients and family caregivers live as fully as possible. This year's topic is titled "It's About How You Live." Help us raise awareness about hospice and palliative care by promoting this month where you work or with your colleagues. Click on the link below for resources available through the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

[National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Resources](#)

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## Updated Changes to HPAR Requirements Provide More Opportunity and Flexibility

HPCC is excited to announce updates to our Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) process, which will provide more opportunity and flexibility to obtain points in professional development activities. Each certification will now need a total of 100 points. In addition, the following activities have been enhanced:

### Professional Development Activities

- ACHPN and CHPCA point totals have decreased from 125 to 100, but ACHPNs are still required to have a minimum of 10 points in *Scholarly Accomplishments* and/or *Professional Contributions*.
- CHPLN point totals have increased from 75 to 100, but 75 points for recertification will be accepted through December 31, 2017.
- CHPN, CHPPN, CHPLN, CHPCA, and CPLC certificants are no longer required to submit 10 points in *Scholarly Accomplishments* and/or *Professional Contributions* activities

### Scholarly Accomplishments

- Maximum point limit has increased from 20 to 30 for professional presentations

### Professional Contributions

- Precepting hours have increased from 5 HPAR points to 10 HPAR points per 25 hours. The maximum limit has increased to 30 HPAR points.
- Orienting Staff has increased from 5 HPAR points to 10 HPAR points per 40 hours. The maximum limit has increased to 20 HPAR points.
- One (1) year of volunteer service is now equal to 10 HPAR points. The maximum limit has increased to 20 HPAR points.

Click on the first link below for a slideshow describing the HPAR changes. You can also refer to the current HPAR packet for your specific certification for complete

details, which you can find on the bottom link below, then by clicking your specific credential and **Recertification**. Our goal for these changes is to make your certification renewal more beneficial and important to your practice. We appreciate your patience and feedback in this process.

[Click Here for a Slideshow Highlighting These HPAR Updates  
advancingexpertcare.org/certifications-handbooks-applications](http://advancingexpertcare.org/certifications-handbooks-applications)

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## Annual Assembly Registration is Now Open!

The 2018 [Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care](http://AnnualAssembly.org), presented by HPNA and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, is an energetic, invigorating conference where great minds come together to better hospice and palliative care and take better care of our patients. Learn the latest in care, make incredible connections, and leave feeling energized and inspired.

Plenary session speakers include motivational speaker and author Jessica Pettitt, MEd; poet David Whyte; and the "new" State of the Science update in hospice and palliative care, created with your input. Our session topics include information on surgical palliative care, neurological diseases, palliative psychopharmacotherapy, LGBT patients, telemedicine, immunotherapy, opioid crisis, pediatric palliative care, palliative care and nephrology, the national consensus project, transplantation ethics, and end-stage disease.

To find out more and to register, click on the link below. Early bird registration ends on January 31, 2018. Don't delay!

[AnnualAssembly.org](http://AnnualAssembly.org)

[Click Here for a Video About the 2018 Annual Assembly](#)

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## Mark The Date: HPCC Certification Luncheon Featuring Our 2018 Award Presentations

The annual HPCC Certification is scheduled to take place at noon on Thursday, March 15, 2018, during the [2018 Annual Assembly](http://AnnualAssembly.org) in Boston, Massachusetts. More details and registration information will become available in December through the HPCC website at [www.goHPCC.org](http://www.goHPCC.org).

At this luncheon, the HPCC Certificants of the Year for all seven certifications are awarded, as well as the Employer of the Year. This award winner is chosen from those who participate in the [HPCC Employer Supporter Program](#) each year. Applications for the awards are due by July 1, and you can find out more through the link below by clicking the **HPCC Awards** tab. To find out who wins, and to celebrate with those who do, save the date and attend the HPCC Certification Luncheon during the Annual Assembly in Boston.

## Results of the September 2017 Certification Exams

Successful candidates for certification and recertification from the September 2017 testing window include **770 additional certificants**.

67	Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (ACHPN)
356	Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN)
10	Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurses (CHPPN)
86	Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN)
202	Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistants (CHPNA)
36	Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA)
13	Certified in Perinatal Loss Care (CPLC)

As of October 1, 2017, HPCC certifies over 18,500 individuals! For more details on all seven of our certifications, visit the link below.

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### Certification Pins Available

Be recognized by your colleagues and patients as being certified in your specialty with a certification pin, available for each credential (ACHPN, CHPN, CHPPN, CHPLN, CHPNA, CHPCA, and CPLC). These pins showcase your credential and your dedication to your profession. Order a pin today and display your credential with pride! **Order today through our website**, or through our home page at [www.goHPCC.org](http://www.goHPCC.org) and click **Shop**.

Pin Description: Size is 1.5 inches, with a 1.2mm thick solid metal base. It is a die struck gold plated pin, with an 8mm post, butterfly clutch, and an acrylic case.

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## HPAR Reminders: Pre-Approve Academic Courses and Finish SJE's by October 31

*Will help in completion of the HPAR process*

A reminder for those completing the Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) process, that you need pre-approval of the academic courses you plan to use in this process. Completing your academic course requests prior to the October 31 deadline will ensure that your course is approved and points are added to your learning plan. Once your three credit course is successfully completed, you will receive the maximum 45 points allowed in this HPAR category. **Please refer to your specific HPAR packet for details.**

In addition, all ACHPN or CHPN who are recertifying should complete the Situational Judgement Exercise (SJE) prior to the October 31 deadline, to ensure

those points are also added into your learning plan without an additional fee. Again, please refer to your specific HPAR packet for details. Click below to learn more about SJE's.

### **Frequently Asked Questions About the SJE**

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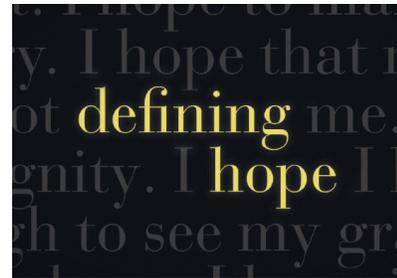
## *Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association News*



### **Join Us for the Release of Defining Hope on November 1**

*Over 100 Theaters Across the Country  
Participating for this One Day Only Showing*

Filmmaker Carolyn Jones, producer of the award winning book and film *The American Nurse Project*, will be releasing a new documentary on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 titled *Defining Hope*, and we want to give you the chance to see it.



This feature length documentary tells the story of eight patients with life-threatening illness, and the nurses who guide them, as they make choices about how they want to live. We invite all member of the public to attend a screening close to them, and all nurses will be able to earn 1.25 contact hours for free by watching the film and completing an evaluation.

Through a generous gift from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation, 10 chapters across the country will sponsor viewing events. For a list of those locations, follow the link below. For a full list of viewing locations and a preview trailer, visit the film's web site at [www.hope.film](http://www.hope.film).

**[advancingexpertcare.org/defining-hope](http://advancingexpertcare.org/defining-hope)**

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## *Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation News*



**Apply Now to Have Your Certification or  
Registration Fees Paid by the Foundation**

One of the biggest deterrents for those looking for certification or recertification, or for those trying to attend a conference, is cost. With the number of employers who compensate their employees for these costs dropping, HPNF is trying to bridge the gap by assisting those in need. For a complete list of available opportunities, please follow the link at the bottom of the article.

- [Certification and Recertification Scholarships](#) - Available monthly, these cover the registration costs for either certification or recertification. Deadlines for these are at the end of each month, and those who do not receive a scholarship can apply the following month.

[advancingexpertcare.org/grants-scholarships](http://advancingexpertcare.org/grants-scholarships)

*Thank You For Your Support!*

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Thank you for reading the latest issue of the HPCC Certification Newsletter and for your continued support of certification.

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