There are two certifications that ASATT recognizes: the Certified Anesthesia Technician and Certified Anesthesia Technologist. **Certified Anesthesia Technician (Cer.A.T.)** — No longer offering certification exam. **Certified Anesthesia Technologist (Cer.A.T.T.)** — Completing an ASATT-accredited/approved program, followed by successfully passing the Technologist exam. Certified Anesthesia Technicians in good standing have the opportunity to sit for the Technologist certification exam by completing the Advancement Program.*

**Continuing Education**

Continuing education is essential to enable Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians to ensure personal and professional development in the rapidly changing field of anesthesia technology. Therefore, to retain the Certified Anesthesia Technician and Technologist designation, Anesthesia Technicians and Technologist must document continuing education.

**CE Credit Requirements**

After an individual has become certified or been recertified, they must begin to earn continuing education credits, according to their two-year certification period. For new certified individuals they must wait for their designated two-year certification period to begin. Example: If you received your Technologist certification July 18, 2016, your certification expires December 31, 2018, so your two-year designated certification period would be January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, so you would have to wait until January 1, 2017 to start earning CE. Individuals holding the Cer.A.T. certification must earn 20 CEs during their two-year certification period. Individuals holding the Cer.A.T.T. certification must earn 30 CEs during their two-year certification period.

**Recommended Programs and Credits**

It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure appropriate courses are taken and complete records are maintained.

**Credit Calculation:** One continuing education/contact hour (CE/CH) may be requested for each 50- to 60-minute lecture attended. Hours will not be given for introductory remarks, breaks, business meetings, meals, or non-anesthesia-related topics that do not fall under Category II.

The content of the lectures must be relevant to the Anesthesia Content Outline listed below. During each two-year recertification period, you may submit only five CE/CH from Category II that do not relate to the Anesthesia Technician Content Outline.

**Category I:**
- Operating Room tasks
- Infection Control Techniques
- Basic Anatomy and Physiology
- Types of Anesthesia
- Airway Management Equipment
- Anesthesia Gas Machine and Gas Delivery
- Monitors and Ancillary Devices
- Pharmacy
- Intravenous Therapy

**Category II:**
- Stress Management
- Interpersonal Disciplines
- Computer Programming
- Data Record Keeping
- Materials Management
- Marketing
- Quality Assurance Training

**Other Educational Programs**

Activity relevant to the profession of Anesthesia Technology CE/CHs may be earned by active participation in the field of anesthesia technology such as presenting lectures or serving the national organization as an official member of any committee or board. CE/CHs are awarded as follows:

**Activity**

Presenting a 50–60-minute lecture on a topic relevant to the Anesthesia Technician Content Outline:
- 1 for each different topic presented

Preparing a 50–60-minute lecture on a topic relevant to the Anesthesia Technician Content Outline:
- 2 for each different topic prepared

Serving on a official ASATT committee or board
- 1 for each separate official ASATT committee or board served with a maximum of three each year

**Carry Forward of Excess CEs**

CEs earned over the required amounts needed for Technician and Technologist recertification may not be carried over to the next certification period.

**Continuing Education CE/CHs accepted by ASATT**

- Attendance at an ASATT National meeting
- Attendance at an ASATT Regional meeting
- ASATT SENSOR Quizzes. (Only quizzes from your certification period can be used.)
- Active participation on an ASATT board or committee

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*Covered in the ASATT REFRESHER/ADVANCEMENT/PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM STANDARDS section.*
Preparing and or presenting a lecture relevant to Anesthesia Technology

CEs off the www.anesthesiatechpearls.com website

BLS – copy front and back (2 CEs), documentation that the course was 4 hours in length (4 CEs);

ACLS – New (8), Renewal (4); PALS – New (8), Renewal (4)

Programs Not Accepted

Pfiedler Enterprises

rn.org

Medline University

Other Programs and Credits

On the ASATT website under our Events tab there is a section call State and Local Meetings. Listed there will be meetings that have submitted paperwork to have their CEs approved by ASATT. Once the CEs have been approved, the number of approved CEs will be listed.

CE Approval

It is the responsibility of the individual to determine if a seminar or meeting meets the requirements for ASATT approval. If the CE comes from an unapproved organization, the individual risks not receiving approval or full credit. The individual is responsible to maintain evidence that the CE(s) meet the ASATT requirements.

Individuals may request approval for CEs not already approved by ASATT, by completing and submitting the Pre-Approval Continuing Education forms. These forms are reviewed and approved by the Education Committee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact 8 for assistance. Issues that cannot be readily answered are referred to the Education Committee Chair for review and response.

CE Reporting (Recertification)

Certification expires December 31st every two years. Individuals who are due to recertify this year will receive a postcard indicating that it is time to renew—these will be mailed out the middle of November. There will also be an email reminder as well. These will include a short list of instructions for the applicants to complete. Applications mailed or postmarked after December 31 must include a $75 late fee. Your application will not be processed unless the correct fees are submitted. Members and non-members alike, who are contacted because of incomplete documentation, will incur an additional $50 fee to complete the processing of their packet. ASATT grants a renewal extension until January 31st, which means we must receive your packet on or before the 31st. If the 31st falls on a Saturday, your packet is due by the end of business on Friday. If the 31st falls on a Sunday, then your packet is due by the end of business on Monday. There will be no exceptions made for packets received after January 31st, unless prior arrangements were made with the recertification committee.

Request for an extension

A request for extension must be made in writing to the Chair of the Recertification Committee. Keep in mind that even though an extension may have been granted the CE's submitted must have been completed during your two years certification period.

Late Submissions

If you submit your packet after the grace period of January 31st, you’re subject to loss of certification. You would have to go through the Provisional Certification process within a year of loss of certification. (see below)

More information on ASATT recertification

Record Keeping

It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure complete records are maintained. For ASATT members, ASATT sponsored CEs (National and Regional meetings, Sensor Quizzes) will be logged in the ASATT database, and can be viewed under your member profile on the ASATT website. All other CEs earned even if they have an ASATT approval code will need to be submitted at the time of your recertification.

Requirements for certification to be re-established or advanced

ASATT REFRESHER/ADVANCEMENT/PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM STANDARDS

General Information

Purpose

There are three methods by which certification can be re-established or advanced:

The Refresher Program is offered to certified anesthesia technologists who have not been substantially engaged in the practice of anesthesia technology for more than 2 years and must update their skills and knowledge of current clinical and theoretical practice in anesthesia technology in order to meet the established standards of practice and to apply for recertification through examination.

The Advancement Program is designed for the certified anesthesia technician who requires additional knowledge and skills in clinical practice in order to meet the established standards of practice of a certified anesthesia technologist.

Provisional Recertification may be granted for the previously certified anesthesia technologist/technician whose certification was allowed to lapse due to late or insufficient CE credits beyond the December 31st recertification deadline.
ASATT Membership and Certification Cards
Printable Off ASATT Website

In an effort to reduce cost and time, ASATT membership and certification cards can now be printed off the ASATT website — www.ASATT.org.

To print a membership card, log in to the ASATT website, then go to the Membership tab and select Profile. Once in your profile you will see a button, Printable Membership Card, in the right top corner. Click on that to display your membership card.

To print your certification card you do not need to be logged into the ASATT website. Just go to the Certification tab and select Printable Certification Card. Enter in the requested information. Keep in mind it must be the information we have in the database, and then click on View Certification Card.

If you encounter any issues, please contact ASATT Customer Care — customercare@asatt.org.

PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION

If you failed to submit your recertification application on time or if your application for recertification was not accepted, the only course of action available to you is to apply for provisional recertification. To apply for provisional recertification, you will need to contact ASATT HQ and request the application form. Follow the instructions and make sure that all required documentation is submitted with the application. Once received, your application will be reviewed to determine if you qualify for provisional certification. Do not begin to earn CE's until you receive approval from ASATT. Above all, make sure you understand the instructions. If you have questions, please contact the Chair of the Certification/Recertification Committee.

Requirements

Before provisional recertification can be granted, the anesthesia technologist/technician must submit a completed application for Provisional Recertification along with a Remediation for Expired Certification Application including all applicable fees. In addition to current recertification fees for the appropriate certification level (www.ASATT.ORG), there will be a Provision fee of $200.00 required. The requirements are as follows:

1. 30 CE credits will be required at the technician level in order to regain Certified Anesthesia Technician status.
   a. The applicant must follow the same requirements listed for the technician on the ASATT website, at the Certification tab under Recertification.

2. 40 CE credits will be required at the technologist level in order to regain Certified Anesthesia Technologist status.
   a. The applicant must follow the same requirements listed for the technologist on the ASATT website, at the Certification tab under Recertification.

Accrual of required CE's begins after ASATT approval of the application for Provisional Recertification. Previously earned CE's will not be accepted for remediation purposes.

All applications, documentation and fees must be completed and approved within the 12 month deadline (effective December 31st through December 31st, 1 year following) without exception or the individual must complete the Refresher Program to take the Technologist NCE regardless of current certification level.