

# CNP Program Guidelines

## Identity:

**Principle – Any government issued identity, which is commercially verifiable is acceptable.**

The candidate must provide a vehicle to validate their identity. It must contain these items:

- a number or a value
- the issuing authority
- the ID Type

The issuing authority is the governmental entity that issued the ID. For example a drivers license is issued by a state (Ohio) in a country (USA)

The type of ID is the purpose for the ID. Examples of ID types are Passports, National or Tax ID's (US – SSN), Drivers Licenses, or Military IDs.

## Accepted Core Fundamentals Exams:

**Principle – Any current, widely accepted IT Certification exam that is recognized as being a good base knowledge test is acceptable, with Committee/BOD Approval.**

Comptia Network +  
Comptia Server +  
Comptia Security +  
ICCP Core IT Skills Examination  
Introduction to Cisco Networking Technologies Exam

## Experience:

**Principle – Any Network Based, Professional Level experience is acceptable**

Examples are:

Network systems analysis and design,  
Network data base analysis or administration,  
Network systems programming,  
Web development,  
Network hardware design,  
Telecommunications,

Network systems planning or analysis,  
Network security design and analysis,  
Research involving networking,  
Management of networking activities,  
Maintenance where network design or analysis is included,  
Teaching networking at a professional level,  
Sales or marketing where professional level network recommendations are required.

## **Certifications:**

**Principle – Any current IT Certification that can be earned through a major authorized testing center (for example Pearson, Prometric, etc.)**

Examples:

Microsoft

MCSE 2000 (6 exams – 60 points)

MCSE 2003 (7 exams – 70 points)

Cisco

CCDP (7 exams – 70 points)

CCNP (7 exams – 70 points)

HP

ASE (5 exams – 50 points)

Linux Professional Institute

LPIC-2 (4 exams – 40 points)

Novell

CNE (5 exams – 50 points)

MCNE (9 exams – 90 points)

Red Hat

RHCE (1 exam – 10 points)

ISC

CISSP (1 exam – 20 points)

ICCP

CCP (3 exams – 30 points)

Sun

Solaris Network Admin (3 exams – 30 points)

## **Formal Education:**

**Principle – Any degreed program from an accredited institution is acceptable**

## Work Experience Documentation:

**Principle – At least the number of years of experience claimed needs to be documented**

## Continuing Education:

**Principle – If it furthers your career or it relates to your professional Information Technology activities, it counts.**

To retain your CNP or ACNP designation, you must maintain your professional currency. Once you have been certified, you will need to recertify annually. Professional currency involves a combination of self-directed educational activities plus maintenance of your currency in the field of Network Information Systems.

### **Requirements**

You are required to obtain:

At least 100 education credits per year.

At least 1000 hours per year of IS professional level activities.

A log and supporting information must be submitted with the recertification application. The recertification fee is \$200 and is separate from your NPA membership fee. This fee supports the work of our committees and councils involved in professionalism related activities. These include: development of a common body of knowledge and registration of the CNP.

Examples of education credits are:

Attending Vendor Education	1 in class hour = 1 credit
Attending Formal Education	1 in class hour = 1 credit
Teaching a recognized course*	1 in class hour = 3 credits
Attending Seminars & Conferences	2 hours = 1 credit
Teaching/Leading Seminars	1 hour = 3 credits
Presenting at Conferences	up to an hour = 60 credits, after that it is an additional 40 credits for each 30 min interval
NPA & other professional events	1 hour = 1 credit
Self Study/CBT/Video	2 hours = 1 credit
Certification Test passed	10 credits
Paper accepted for publication	25 credits
Publishing a book	Credits are on a case by case basis, up to 100 credits

All continuing education must be CNP approved and only completed courses will be accepted.

Fractional units will not count

No more than 50 credits of self-study accepted.

A maximum of 3 papers can be used for credit.

1 paper published outside the Network Professional Journal (NPJ) will be accepted for credit.

2 additional papers will be accepted for credit if they are accepted for publication by the NPJ.

\* Teaching credits only count for those classes outside of your normal profession. Those persons that teach as a profession can only use those hours for professional experience and not for continuing education credit. Educators can take the credit if the course was outside of their normal work experience.

For additional information on how to obtain educational credits or on what values are for other activities, please refer to the CNP Guidelines.

### ***If I do not re-certify, what happens?***

Your CNP or ACNP membership will be changed to inactive. You must cease using the CNP or ACNP designation, and cannot indicate that you are an Accredited Member of the NPA. In order to re-qualify, you will need to reapply under the CNP certification guidelines in use at that time. The fee for the review process is \$300.

## **Code of Ethics:**

**Principle – All professionals must adhere to a code of ethics.**

## **Ethics and Professionalism Committee:**

**Principle – There must be accountability for a person to be considered to be a professional**

There will be a process to ensure that CNP holders are being held accountable for their ethics and professionalism. All complaints will be investigated by the Ethics and Professionalism Committee and all outcomes will be governed by the NPA Accountability Guidelines.

From the “*Certified Network Professional Code of Ethics*”

## **“Discipline and Revocation**

The CNP Advisory Board shall automatically revoke any Certificate for noncompliance with mandatory recertification processes. The CNP Advisory Board, on behalf of the Network Professional Association, has the right to revoke any Certificate which has been awarded by it in the event that the recipient violates the Codes, or engages in conduct that discredits or disgraces the network computing profession.

The CNP Advisory Board has created a set of policies and procedures for handling revocation. These procedures detail the grounds for revocation, the due process requirements of a revocation proceeding, the hearing process with ample opportunity for both sides to present facts and arguments and an appeal process.”

## **Signatures:**

**Principle – All Candidates must sign that they accept the ethics and that what they are presenting in the application is correct and valid. The candidate also authorizes the NPA to validate the information on this application through any commercial means available, including criminal, background and credit checks.**