

## Respiratory Care Practitioner [RCP] Renewal and Continuing Education Information

- 1. Continuing Education Timeframe** - You must have completed at least thirty (30) hours of continuing education in the RENEWAL PERIOD [June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2019).

RCPs in their **FIRST** renewal cycle after receiving their initial permanent license are **NOT** required to complete CME for this renewal period only.

- 2. Continuing education sponsorship**- courses must be approved or sponsored by one of the following organizations.
  - a. American Association for Respiratory Care, Inc. or its sponsoring organizations
  - b. American Heart Association
  - c. The Society for Critical Care Medicine
  - d. American Lung Association
  - e. South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care
  - f. Allied Health Education Centers of the South Carolina Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals [AHEC]
  - g. American Thoracic Society
  - h. American College of Chest Physicians
  - i. American Society of Anesthesiologists
  - j. Accredited institutional continuing education programs:
    1. Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
    2. American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation
- 3. Approved Number of Contact Hours**

BLS Initial	6
BLS refresher (PHR/ PHB BLS, etc.)	3
PALS Initial (2 day class)	12
PALS refresher	6
ACLS Initial	12
ACLS refresher	6
NRP initial	6
NRP refresher	3