Purpose: In order to encourage and engage PACU staff to become interested in certification and increasing their professionalism a group was formed to work towards these goals.

Description: Initially a group of 10 nurses interested in sitting for the certification exam met bi-weekly to review and present topics related to the CPAN exam. Getting a group to consistently meet was challenging. There were four presentations made by staff members. As a result the study group went electronic with the group leader sending out 5 -10 weekly study questions via e-mail to the entire PACU nursing staff. The answers with rationales are provided 48 – 72 hours after the questions are posted.

Evaluation: To date only one of the 10 nurses wishing to take the exam has actually done so. The nurse passed. The group and other staff members have given positive feedback on the weekly questions. They have stated it helps them in their daily practice and staying current with ASPAN Standards. Although the certification group did not turn out as it was initially planned the study questions via e-mail have provided a positive educational experience for the entire nursing staff in the PACU.