CPC Pathfinder FAQs from Strategic Alliance Webinars July 2025

1. General Program Overview

What is the CPC Pathfinder program?
Pathfinder is a personalized, goal-oriented renewal pathway that replaces traditional CEU accumulation with reflective learning, confidence-based assessments, and targeted CE recommendations. It is based on the current Practice Analysis and designed to be more engaging, clinically relevant, and adaptable to the realities of modern athletic training.

How does Pathfinder work?
It begins with creating your personal learning goals in a platform developed by BOC. The platform guides you to complete quarterly multiple-choice questions (MCQs) that align with the Practice Analysis. After each question, you rate your confidence, and the system recommends CE activities. This forms your "Learning Path," which you complete over 7 out of 8 quarters in a five-year cycle.

How long does Pathfinder take to complete?
On average, Pathfinder takes about 8 hours total across the certification cycle. Each quarterly segment includes 15 MCQs, which take approximately 1 hour or less per session.

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2. My Challenge Questions (MCQs) and Learning Experience

Are the MCQs based on the BOC exam?
No. The MCQs are written by AT subject matter experts and based on contemporary journal articles. They are not scored and not exam-style. Instead, they're designed to promote reflection and identify learning needs.

Can I see questions I answered incorrectly again?
You won't be required to redo them, but similar questions may be recycled. Journal articles related to missed questions are accessible for learning.

Are the questions random or based on my goals?
Currently, questions are drawn from a general pool, but the AI recommender provides CE suggestions based on your responses. Future updates aim to align questions more closely with user goals.

What if I prefer lecture-style learning or traditional CE?
You can still pursue CE through traditional methods. However, Pathfinder offers deeper, self-directed learning and evidence-based content tied to your practice gaps.

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3. Time Commitment and CEU Equivalency

Why does it show a decrease in CEUs required?
The CEU total was adjusted based on feedback from pilot participants. While traditional CEUs often reflect time spent in passive learning, Pathfinder reflects a more integrated and impactful learning approach. Many users reported spending equal or more time completing Pathfinder segments.

Will this affect attendance at in-person meetings or conventions?
Pathfinder may shift how CE is selected, but it doesn't eliminate the value of in-person learning. The AI tool can even recommend in-person learning opportunities (i.e. convention sessions) if entered appropriately by providers.

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4. AI Tool and CE Recommendations

How does the AI recommender tool work?
After each question, the AI tool suggests CE activities from the BOC Approved Provider Program Directory based on your answer and your level of confidence. The system does not grade responses—it's built for self-reflection and targeted growth.

Can the AI recognize NATA convention sessions or hands-on learning?
We are working with NATA and APs to make sessions more discoverable in the platform.

Will CE options in the tool be updated regularly?
Yes. As approved providers submit courses with appropriate metadata, they will appear as options in the AI recommender.

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5. Privacy and User Experience

What about privacy concerns—who sees my answers?
Your responses, including confidence ratings and goals, are private. While themes may be analyzed in aggregate, individual comments are not shared. The AI recommender in Pathfinder is a secure, internal tool used solely to support your learning journey. It is not connected to any external AI systems and does not share your personal information within or outside the system.

Will there be tutorials or videos to help understand Pathfinder?
Yes. We are developing walkthrough videos, screen captures, and prompts to guide users through the process.

Is Pathfinder mobile-friendly?
Yes, the system is designed to be mobile-responsive.

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6. Transition, Requirements, and Flexibility

Who is required to participate in Pathfinder?
All newly certified ATs in 2026 and beyond will be automatically enrolled. For currently certified ATs, participation in CPC Renewal Path (Pathfinder) is an option, alongside the Legacy Renewal Path.