

Continuing Education Guidelines (alphabetical by state)

ALABAMA

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CE Requirements: To renew a license on active status to practice nursing in Alabama, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses must earn 24 contact hours from Board-approved or Board recognized continuing education provider [Chapter 610-X-4-.08]. If licensed by examination, reinstatement or endorsement during the earning period the contact hours are prorated. If less than six months remain in the earning period no continuing education contact hours are required for the renewal. A prorated chart is on the Board's web site, www.abn.state.al.us.

Type of CE accepted: Acceptable content [610-X-10-.02] must be beyond the basic educational level for entry into practice of the individual license and includes:

- Clinical technology, procedures, and nursing implications.
- Specialty areas of nursing practice.
- Nursing practice related to care of the patient.
- Administration, management, and supervision in health care delivery.
- Social, legal, and ethical aspects of nursing.
- Nursing education.
- Nursing research, theory, and practice issues.
- Quality improvement and management, accrediting standards, and processes.
- Liberal arts, sciences, business, and general education courses offered for academic credit by an institution accredited by an educational accrediting body.

Pharmacology Requirement: Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) with prescriptive authority shall earn six contact hours of pharmacology content specific to prescriptive practice in the approved area for collaborative practice.

ALASKA

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Phone: 907.269.8161

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Online: <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pnur.htm>

Contact Person: Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

CE Requirements: completion of at least 30 contact hours of continuing education for renewal of a license;

Type of CE accepted: the applicant shall earn at least 20 of the contact hours in a continuing education program sponsored or approved by one of the following organizations:

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(A) American Nurses Association;

(B) Alaska Nurses Association;

(C) American Medical Association;

(D) Alaska Medical Association;

(E) a nurse practitioner certifying body;

(F) a nurse anesthetist certifying body;

(G) an organization included on a list that the board maintains of approved continuing education sponsors; the board will approve only those sponsors who offer "continuing education" as defined in (c)(2) of this section;

(2) that no more than 10 of the contact hours required under (1) of this subsection were earned through in-service nursing education offered by a licensed health care facility; and

(3) that the contact hours required under (1) of this subsection were earned in at least one of the following subject areas:

(A) nursing practice areas and special health care problems;

(B) biological, physical, or behavioral sciences;

(C) legal or ethical aspects of health care;

(D) management or administration of health care personnel and patient care;

(E) subjects approved by the board that are required as part of a formal nursing program but that are more advanced than those completed for original licensure.

(b) The board will accept continuing education contact hours that are part of a mediated learning system such as educational television, audio or video cassettes, or printed media, or that are part of an independent study program, if the system or program is accredited by an agency that the board has approved. The board will maintain a list of accrediting agencies and will approve an accrediting agency that is approved by a national certifying body.

(c) In this section,

(1) "contact hour" means a minimum of 50 minutes of actual organized instruction; academic credit will be converted to contact hours as follows:

(A) one quarter academic credit equals 10 contact hours;

(B) one semester academic credit equals 15 contact hours;

(2) "continuing education" means a systematic educational experience that grants academic credit or contact hours beyond the basic nursing program preparation.

Pharmacology Requirement: ANP prescriptive authority must be renewed biennially with the ANP authorization. Documentation of 15 contact hours of pharmacology during the previous two years must be submitted at the time of renewal.

ARIZONA

Contact: 4747 North 7th Street, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85014-3653

Phone: 602.889.5150

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Online: <http://www.azbn.gov/>

Contact Person: Joey Ridenour, MN, RN, Executive Director

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: Must have 45 contact hours of education in pharmacology and/or clinical management of drug therapy in the two years prior to application for Rx authority

ARKANSAS

Contact: University Tower Building

1123 S. University, Suite 800

Little Rock, AR 72204-1619

Phone: (501) 686-2700

Fax: (501) 686-2714

Contact Person: Faith Fields, Executive Director

CE Requirements: If your active license is to be renewed after July 1, 2004, you must have completed 15 practice-focused continuing education contact hours.

Type of CE accepted: 15 practice-focused contact hours from a national or state continuing education

approval body recognized by ASBN,

• Maintenance of certification or recertification by a national *certifying body* recognized by ASBN,

• Completion of an academic course in nursing or related field.

The most common method of meeting the requirements is by obtaining contact hours. These hours can be obtained through home study, nursing journals, Internet sources, or by attending workshops. For a list of upcoming workshops, Internet websites, and a list of *approved provider bodies* and *approved certifications* visit www.arsbn.org, under the Continuing Education option.

Pharmacology Requirement: No additional pharmacology hours required for prescribing.

CALIFORNIA

Contact: Board of Registered Nursing

1625 North Market Blvd,

Suite N217

Sacramento, CA 95834-1924

Phone: (916) 322-3350

TDD: (916) 322-1700

CE Requirements: Registered nurses, in the State of California, are required by law (Section 1451, Article 5, of the *California Code of Regulations*) to complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education (CE) every two years (in addition to paying the renewal fee), to maintain an active license.

Type of CE accepted:

(a) Continuing Education course credit may be given for the following continuing education courses:

(1) Courses offered by an approved Provider as specified in Section 1454. In addition to classroom courses, courses may be designed by an approved Provider for participation in activities which include nursing practice, publishing and/or research, provided that such courses meet the requirements of Section 1456.

2) Out of state courses which have been approved for voluntary or mandatory continuing education by Registered Nurse licensing agencies of other states and/or state nurses' associations, as well as offerings by nationally recognized health associations and/or their regional subdivisions provided that such courses meet the requirements of Section 1456.

*3) Out of state academic courses in an accredited post-secondary institution which are related to the specific knowledge and/or technical skills required for the practice of nursing.

(4) Other courses as may be approved by the Board at its sole discretion.

*Minimum requirement is regional accreditation.

Pharmacology Requirement:

COLORADO

Contact: 1560 Broadway, Suite 1370

Denver, CO 80202

Phone: 303.894.2430

Fax: 303.894.2821

Online: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/>

Contact Person: Mark Merrill, Program Director

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirement

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

CONNECTICUT

Contact: Dept. of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS# 13PHO
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0328
Phone: (860) 509-7624
Fax: (860) 509-7553

Contact Person:

Jan Wojick, Board Liaison

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirement

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

DELAWARE

Contact: 861 Silver Lake Blvd
Cannon Building, Suite 203
Dover, DE 19904
Phone: (302) 739-4522
Fax: (302) 739-2711

Contact Person:

Iva Boardman, Executive Director

CE Requirements: RN license renewal requires 30 contact hours every two years.

Type of CE accepted: A nationally accredited provider of nursing related continuing education; or An organization or agency that is approved as a provider or has programs that are approved by a nationally accredited approver of nursing related continuing education; or A Board of Nursing approved school of nursing; or A staff development department within a licensed health care agency; or an accredited educational institution; or An entity approved by the Delaware Board of Nursing, pursuant to 9.4 and 9.5, if not meeting any other criteria.

Pharmacology Requirement: Maintain competency through a minimum of ten hours of JPC approved pharmacology/pharmacotherapeutics related continuing education within the area of specialization and licensure per biennium. The pharmacology/ pharmacotherapeutics content may be a separate course or integrated within other offerings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Contact:

Department of Health
825 N. Capitol Street, N.E., 2nd Floor
Room 2224
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 442-4778
Fax: (202) 442-9431

Contact Person:

Bonnie Rampersaud, Acting Program Manager for Program Licensing

CE Requirements: As required to maintain national np certification. For RN, 24 contact hours every two years.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: For APRN license, 15 CE contact hours in pharmacology every two years beginning in 6/06.

FLORIDA

Contact: 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A07

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1708

Phone: (850) 245-4244

Shelley Young, BSN, RN, Nursing Education Consultant from the Florida Board of Nursing

CE Requirements: Twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education are required every two years, including one (1) hour each of HIV/AIDS and domestic violence continuing education.

Type of CE accepted: Appropriate subject matter for continuing education are those which meet the professional education needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of his or her patients and consist of content from one or more of the following:

1. Nursing practice areas and special health care problems.
2. Biological, physical, behavioral, and social sciences.
3. Legal aspects of health care.
4. Management/administration of health care personnel and patient care.
5. Teaching/learning process of health care personnel and patients.
6. Subjects at an accredited education institution that are taken and are advanced beyond that completed for original licensure.
7. Personal development subject matter must include application of content as it relates to improved patient care.

Pharmacology Requirement:

GEORGIA

Contact:

237 Coliseum Drive

Macon, GA 31217-3858

Board Offices

478.207.2440

478.207.1354 (fax)

Administrative Offices

478.207.1300

478.207.1363 (fax)

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

HAWAII

Contact:

Kathleen L. Yokouchi

(808) 586-2695

DCCA-PVL

Att: BON

P.O. Box 3469

Honolulu, HI 96801

Email: nursing@dcca.hawaii.gov

CE Requirements: Documentation of successful completion, during the prior biennium, of thirty contact hours of continuing education in the practice specialty area, and eight contact hours in pharmacology, including pharmacotherapeutics, related to the applicant's practice

specialty area, approved by board recognized national certifying bodies, the American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, or accredited colleges or universities. Verification of successful completion of continuing education required for recertification by a recognized national certifying body, within the current renewal biennium, may be accepted in lieu of the thirty hours of continuing education required for renewal

Type of CE accepted: approved by board recognized national certifying bodies, the American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, or accredited colleges or universities.

Pharmacology Requirement: Documentation of successful completion, during the prior biennium, of thirty contact hours of continuing education in the practice specialty area, and eight contact hours in pharmacology, including pharmacotherapeutics, related to the applicant's practice specialty area

IDAHO

Contact: Linda Coley, Telephone: 208.334.3110 ext. 25

CE Requirements: Provides documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education during the renewal period. (every two years)

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: Has completed ten (10) contact hours of approved pharmacology-related continuing education in the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding application for renewal

ILLINOIS

Contact:

Illinois Center for Nursing

Michele Bromberg, State Nursing Act Coordinator

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph Street

Suite 9 - 100

Chicago , Illinois 60601

888-NURSE07 [888-687-7307]

Email: FPR.ILCenterforNursing@illinois.gov

CE Requirements: 50 hours of continuing education per 2-year license renewal cycle

Type of CE accepted:

1) CE hours shall be earned by verified attendance (e.g., certificate of attendance or certificate of completion) at or participation in a program or course (program) that is offered or sponsored by an approved continuing education sponsor who meets the requirements set forth in subsection (c), except for those activities provided in subsections (b)(2), (3), and (4).

2) Independent study that is approved for continuing education credits as set forth in subsection (c) may be used, i.e., home study programs, articles from journals, and other health discipline independent study modules.

3) Academic credits may be used to fulfill CE requirements if the course content is applicable to the certification area. CE hours are awarded as outlined in subsection (a)(4).

A) College/university courses that are audited may not be used for CE credit.

B) Degree "core" or general education credits such as English, Literature, History, Math, Music and Physical Education may not be used.

4) Presenter/lecturer presentations made to other health professionals on topics related to the certification area may be used for CE credit. Each different individual, non-repetitive 60-minute lecture may be used for 5 CE hours. Full-time educators may not use presentations/lectures that are part of their job expectations, but may use guest lectures and other presentations made outside the duties of their job.

5) CE hours may be earned for authoring papers, publications, dissertations, book chapters or research projects. These must be applicable to the certification area. The research project must be completed during the prerenewal period. Authoring a paper or publication article may be used for 10 CE hours. Authoring a book chapter, dissertation or research project may be used for 20 CE hours.

6) CE hours may be earned through preceptorship of an APN student. Preceptors must provide clinical supervision and education to the APN student. Documentation must be provided from the school of nursing in which the student is enrolled. Precepting one student for an academic semester or quarter may be used for 10 CE hours. Not more than 20 CE hours in each renewal period may come from precepting.

7) Successful completion, during the prerenewal period, of a recertification exam in the APNS area of specialty as recognized in Section 1305.20 may be used for 50 CE hours.

Pharmacology Requirement:

INDIANA

Contact: Continuing education questions may be directed to the Indiana State Board of Nursing at 317-234-2043. You may also write to the Indiana State Board of Nursing, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, or Email pla2@pla.IN.gov

CE Requirements: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses are not required to obtain continuing education for licensure renewal. Certified Nurse Midwives with limited licenses are not required to obtain continuing education for licensure renewal. Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority must obtain at least thirty (30) hours of continuing education, at least eight (8) hours of which must be in pharmacology. Applicants for renewal of Prescriptive Authority shall submit proof of completion of the mandatory continuing education at the time of renewal. Acceptable continuing education programs must be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of continuing education for advanced practice nurses.

Type of CE accepted: Acceptable continuing education programs must be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of continuing education for nurses and approved by the Board and contained on a list at the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

Pharmacology Requirement: Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority must obtain at least thirty (30) hours of continuing education, at least eight (8) hours of which must be in pharmacology.

IOWA

Contact: Phone: 515.281.8808 cnewell@bon.state.ia.us

CE Requirements:

- For renewal of a three year license, the requirement is 36 contact hours or 3.6 CEUs.
- For renewal of a license that has been issued for less than three years, the requirement is 24 contact hours or 2.4 CEUs. This applies to the first renewal after any one of the following:
 - Initial Iowa licensure by examination
 - Initial Iowa licensure by endorsement from another state
 - Reactivation from an inactive status

A license issued for less than three years is granted for two years, plus the number of months to the birth month. Thereafter, the license must be renewed every three years.

- For reactivation from an inactive status, the requirement is 12 contact hours that are not more than 12 months old at the time the credit is submitted for reactivation.
- Mandatory Training On Abuse Identification and Reporting.
It is also mandated that a person who regularly examines, attends, counsels or treats dependent adults or children in Iowa, must accurately document compliance with mandatory training requirements on abuse identification and reporting. The course must have been completed within the last 5 years, and be a course that is approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health Abuse Education Review Panel. The training must also be two hours in length.

Type of CE accepted:

1. All on-site continuing education courses held within the state of Iowa, are required to be offered by an approved Iowa Board of Nursing provider. Courses that come into Iowa via distance learning technologies such as satellite conferences or teleconferences are also included in this requirement. The provider's approval should be evident, because the provider number is required to appear on the written advertisement.
2. Self-study courses and on-site courses attended outside of Iowa are acceptable if they qualify as [appropriate subject matter](#), and are either covered by an approved Iowa provider, or have been granted special approval, or are approved by one of the following:
 - a. The American Nurses Association (i.e., the American Nurses' Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation)
 - b. The National League for Nursing
 - c. The National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses
 - d. National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc.
 - e. A board of nursing in any other [mandatory continuing education state](#).
3. For courses attended outside of the United States, contact the board office at 515-281-8808.

Pharmacology Requirement:

KANSAS

Contact: Patty Brown, M.S., R.N.
Education Specialist, C.N.E.
Continuing Nursing Regulations, LPN IV Therapy, ARNP, Audits
patty.brown@ksbn.state.ks.us
785-296-3782
Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson Street Suite 1051
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230
Main: 785-296-4929
Fax: 785-296-3929

CE Requirements: Thirty (30) contact hours of approved CNE (INTERACTIVE AND/OR INDEPENDENT) are required for license renewal for each category of nursing and LMHT. The same CNE can be used for RN/RNA and RN/ARNP renewal. CNE for the RNA must be related to the practice specialty.

Type of CE accepted: Continuing Nursing Education approved by ANY national nursing organization (ANCC, AORN, AANA, AWHONN, AACCN, etc.) or ANY state board of nursing or state nursing association can be used as CNE in Kansas. Indicate the provider organization on the renewal application. An IOA form does not need to be completed if already approved.

Pharmacology Requirement:

KENTUCKY

Contact: Patricia Spurr, Nursing Education Consultant, at 502-429-3333 or 1-800-305-2042, ext 235.

Kentucky Board of Nursing

312 Whittington Pky

Suite 300

Louisville, KY 40222

Fax: 502-429-3311

CE Requirements: Nurses are required to earn 14 contact hours or the equivalent within the yearly earning period of November 1st through October 31st. ARNPs must have 2 hours of HIV continuing education every ten years.

Type of CE accepted: Certain college credit courses may be used to meet CE requirements. Nursing courses, designated by a nursing course number, and courses in physical and social sciences such as Psychology, Biology, and Sociology will count toward CE hours. One semester credit hour equals 15 contact hours; one quarter credit hour equals 12 contact hours.

If a college course does not fall within these designated categories, and a nurse feels the course is applicable to his/her nursing practice, an [Application for Individual Request for Review of CE Activities](#) [PDF Format - 71k] may be submitted to KBN for review of the course. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee for this service.

Prelicensure general education courses, either electives or designated to meet degree requirements, are not acceptable. CPR/BLS, in-service education, or nurse aide training are not acceptable for nursing CE.

Internet continuing education courses must be offered by approved CE providers. Please see the list of [National Nursing Organizations Recognized by KBN for Approval of CE Offerings](#). If the provider of a CE course is approved by one of these national nursing organizations or any state board of nursing, KBN will accept that course for the same number of contact hours.

A satisfactory employment evaluation or competency validation for your position as a nurse can be used for 7 contact hours. You must earn the other 7 hours. Other acceptable ways to earn your CE hours can be found on the CE/Competency page under "Licensure Renewal Requirements.

Pharmacology Requirement: All ARNPs are required to earn 5 contact hours of approved CE in pharmacology. These 5 hours count as part of the required 14 hours.

LOUISIANA

Contact: Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN

Director of Education/Licensure

(225)763-5444,

vallettee@lsbn.state.la.us

CE Requirements: Full-Time = 05 contact hours

Part-Time = 10 contact hours

Unemployed/Inactive = 15 contact hours

Reinstatement = 15 contact hours/year

Endorsement/Initial licensure =none the year of licensure.

Type of CE accepted: Continuing education contact hours, which have been approved by an LSBN provider, another Board of Nursing, or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) - Commission on Accreditation, are acceptable for relicensure in Louisiana. If you have any questions please contact the Board's office.

Pharmacology Requirement:

MAINE

Contact: 158 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Phone: (207) 287-1133

Fax: (207) 287-1149

Contact Person:

Myra Broadway, Executive Director

CE Requirements: 75 contact hours biannually in the area of practice for which the individual has been approved as an APRN, at least 30 must be Category 1 hours.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

MARYLAND

Contact: 4140 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Phone: (410) 585-1900

Fax: (410) 358-3530

Contact Person:

Donna Dorsey, Executive Director

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

MASSACHUSETTS

Contact: Judith Pelletier, MSN, RN - Nursing Education Coordinator

Board of Registration in Nursing

239 Causeway Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Phone: 1-800-414-0168 or 617-973-0800

Fax: 617-973-0984

CE Requirements: You need 15 contact hours of continuing education every two years to renew your nursing license. Renewal is on your birthday in the even numbered year for RNs, and odd numbered year for LPNs. If this is your first renewal, there is no CE requirement.

Type of CE accepted: 5.04: Criteria for Qualification of Continuing Education Programs/Offerings

The following guidelines are to assist the licensed nurse to select an appropriate program/offering and the provider to plan and implement continuing education program/offering. The overriding consideration in determining whether a specific program/offering qualifies as acceptable continuing education is that it be a planned program of

learning which contributes directly to the professional competence of the licensed nurse.

(1) Amount.

(a) 50 consecutive clock minutes is equivalent to one contact hour.

(b) One continuing education unit (C.E.U.) equals ten contact hours.

(c) One semester hour equals 15 contact hours.

(d) Two clinical hours (100 minutes) is the equivalent of one contact hour.

(2) Standards.

(a) Learner Objectives.

1. Objectives shall be written and be the basis for determining content, learning experience, teaching methodologies, and evaluation.

2. Objectives shall be specific, attainable, measurable, and describe expected outcomes for the learner.

(b) Subject Matter.

1. Appropriate subject matter shall include one or more of the following:

- nursing science and practice
- nursing education
- research in nursing and health care
- management, administration and supervision in health care delivery
- social, economic, political, legal aspects of health care
- teaching health care and consumer health education
- requirements for a formal nursing program or a related field beyond that completed for original licensure
- that which improves competency and is not specified on the foregoing list

2. Employee orientation, subject matter, standard operating procedure of the employing agency shall not qualify for continuing education purposes under 244 CMR 5.00.

3. Subject matter shall be described in outline form and shall include learner objectives, content, time allotment, teaching methods, faculty and evaluation format.

4. Types of continue education should be included (see definition "Types").

(c) The following guidelines are applicable to the selection of a continuing education program/offering and/or planning implementation of a program/offering.

1. When the type is an academic course, the following applies: The course must be within the framework of curriculum that leads to an academic degree in nursing or relevant to nursing, or any course within that curriculum that is necessary to an individual's professional growth and development.

2. When the type of continuing education is designated as a self-study offering or a correspondence course, the course should:

- a. Be developed by a professional group such as an educational corporation or professional association.
- b. Follow a logical sequence.
- c. Involve the learner by requiring active response to module materials and provide feedback.
- d. Contain a test to indicate progress and verify completion of module.
- e. Supply a bibliography for continued study.

3. When the type of continuing education is designated as a planned and supervised clinical experience, the course:

- a. Should be beyond the basic level of preparation of the individual who is licensed

and be based on a planned program of study.

b. The instructor-supervisor should possess the appropriate credentials related to the discipline being taught.

c. The experience should take place in a clinical setting.

(d) Education Methods.

1. Learning experiences and teaching methods should be appropriate to achieve the objectives of the offering/program.

2. Principles of adult education should be used in the design of the offering/program.

3. Time allotted for each activity should be sufficient for the learner to meet the objectives of the offering.

4. Facilities and educational resources should be adequate to implement the offerings/programs.

(e) Faculty Qualifications.

1. The faculty should present documentation to the provider/learner illustrating competency in the content of the planned learning experience and possess knowledge of the principles of adult education.

2. If the offering includes a clinical nursing component, a licensed qualified nurse in Massachusetts shall provide supervision.

3. If the offering includes a clinical component other than nursing, a qualified instructor possessing the appropriate credentials of the discipline shall provide instruction.

(f) Evaluation.

1. Provision must be made for evaluating the participant's attainment of the stated learner objectives/outcomes.

2. Participants must be given the opportunity to evaluate faculty, learning experiences, instructional methods, facilities and educational resources used for the offering/programs.

(g) Records.

1. Records of offerings/programs should be kept by the provider for a period of four years.

2. Records should include content, objectives, outline of offering, faculty qualifications, teaching methods and materials, evaluation tools and data and a list of participants.

3. The provider shall furnish to each participant an authenticated record of attendance specifying provider, title of offering, date of offering, number of contact hours and successful completion of program/offering.

Pharmacology Requirement:

MICHIGAN

Contact: Ottawa Towers North

611 W. Ottawa, 4th Floor

Lansing, MI 48933

Phone: (517) 373-9102

Fax: (517) 373-2179

Contact Person:

Diane Lewis, Policy Manager for Licensing Division

CE Requirements:

A nurse practitioner to have obtained recertification or maintained certification or completed 40 continuing education units in the nursing specialty field, within the 2-year period immediately preceding the application.

Type of CE accepted: The following accrediting organizations are permitted by the Michigan Board of Nursing to approve nursing continuing education providers for Michigan. The Board will consider any of the following organizations as providing acceptable continuing education for license renewal or relicensure without limitation as stated in R 338.10603 (Rule 3).

AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING

CENTER'S COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION AND SERVICE

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

CERTIFICATION IN BASIC AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SET FORTH BY THE

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSING MIDWIVES

Pharmacology Requirement:

MINNESOTA

Contact: University Park Plaza building at:

2829 University Avenue SE # 200

Minneapolis, MN 55414-3253

Main Telephone Number: 612-617-2270

Toll-free Number (MN, IA, ND, SD, WI): 888-234-2690

TTY Number (Relay service for hearing/speech impaired): 800-627-3529

Fax Number: 612-617-2190

Website: www.nursingboard.state.mn.us

E-mail: nursing.board@state.mn.us

CE Requirements: During a typical continuing education participation period (24 months) an RN must participate in 24 contact hours of continuing education and an LPN must participate in 12 contact hours.

Type of CE accepted: Be designed to enhance your ability to practice nursing.

Last at least one contact hour (50 minutes). Every additional five minutes is one-tenth of a contact hour. An academic course can be converted to contact hours. A quarter credit is equivalent to 10 contact hours. A semester credit is equivalent to 15 contact hours. Be

approved by a health licensing board or association or the provider of the continuing education must identify the objectives of the continuing education.
Be taught by an individual qualified to teach the subject matter of the continuing education.

Pharmacology Requirement:

MISSISSIPPI

Contact: 1935 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39216-5014
Phone: (601) 987-4188 Fax: (601) 364-2352
Contact Person:

Marcia Rachel, Executive Director

CE Requirements: Documentation of at least forty (40) contact hours (four [4] continuing education units) related to the advanced clinical practice of the nurse practitioner which have been obtained within the previous two (2) year period. No more than 20 contact hours may be obtained from nurse practitioner or medical journals.

Type of CE accepted: Acceptable continuing education offerings are those which are currently approved, accredited, provided, or offered by recognized credentialing agency

Pharmacology Requirement: Two (2) of the forty (40) contact hours must be directly related to the prescribing of controlled substances and 14 approved by the Board.

MISSOURI

Contact: 3605 Missouri Blvd
P.O. Box 656
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0656
Phone: (573) 751-0681
Fax: (573) 751-0075

Contact Person:

Lori Scheidt, Acting Executive Director

CE Requirements: Board-certified NPs fulfill state requirements by maintaining national certification; non-certified NPs must complete 20 hours of continuing education (CE) in their clinical specialty on a biannual basis.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

MONTANA

Contact: Address:
PO Box 200513
Helena, MT 59620-0513
Phone: (406) 841-2345
Fax:(406) 841-2305

Contact Person:

Barbara Swehla, Executive Director

CE Requirements: All APRNs shall complete 20 continuing education units per year, or 40 units per renewal period, pertaining to the areas of the individual's certification.

APRNs who practice in a subspecialty setting shall complete the majority of the

required continuing education credits in the area of the individual's subspecialty.

Type of CE accepted: education either provided or approved

by an academic institution of higher learning or a recognized certifying body

Pharmacology Requirement: proof of a minimum of ten contact hours of continuing education in pharmacology or pharmacology management is required during the two-year period immediately preceding the effective date of the prescriptive authority renewal. A minimum of four hours must be face-to-face interaction. The majority of the course work must concern the study of pharmaceutical medications and not herbal or complementary therapies.

NEBRASKA

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4986

Phone: (402) 471-4376

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Contact Person:

Charlene Kelly, Executive Director

CE Requirements: For renewal and as a continuing competency requirement, all APRNs must have 40 contact hours of continuing education in their clinical specialty area within the 2 years preceding the renewal period. Documentation of meeting the continuing education requirement for renewal of APRN license meets the continuing education requirement for renewal of the Nebraska [RN license](#).

Type of CE accepted: Acceptable contact hours includes those designated specifically for advanced practice nurses as well as continuing medical education.

Pharmacology Requirement: 10 of the 40 contact hours must be in pharmacotherapeutics.

NEVADA

Contact: License Certification and Education

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Las Vegas, NV 89103

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Contact Person:

Don Rennie, Associate Executive Director for Licensure & Certification

CE Requirements: Proof that he has completed satisfactorily 45 hours of continuing education directly related to his area of specialization which may include the requirements for continuing education for renewal of a license for a registered nurse.

Type of CE accepted: 1. A course of continuing education shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the course:

- (a) Meets the requirements of [NRS 632.343](#); and
- (b) Is provided by:
 - (1) A provider approved by the Board;
 - (2) A national nursing organization;
 - (3) An academic institution;

(4) A provider of continuing education that is recognized by another board of nursing;
or

(5) A provider of continuing education that is recognized by the regulatory body of a related discipline that approves courses of continuing education.

Pharmacology Requirement:

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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78 Regional Drive, BLDG B

Concord, NH 03302

Phone: (603) 271-2323

Fax: (603) 271-6605

Contact Person:

Cynthia Gray, Executive Director

CE Requirements: 30 hours for RN licensure, 30 additional hours specific to the area of advanced practice specialization, 5 of which must be related to pharmacology. Current certification in specialty will meet requirements for 30 continuing education hours for RN licensure.

Type of CE accepted: The Board does not require that your contact hours be earned at conferences that provide "official" contact hours granted by a professional organization.

However, the educational offering must:

- Have specific objectives that guide the learning
- Pertain to and enhance the licensee's knowledge, skills and judgment
- Pertain to the licensee's scope of practice
- Have a method for evaluating the learner's attainment of the objectives
- Maintain a list of attendees

Pharmacology Requirement: 30 hours for RN licensure, 30 additional hours specific to the area of advanced practice specialization, 5 of which must be related to pharmacology. Current certification in specialty will meet requirements for 30 continuing education hours for RN licensure.

NEW JERSEY

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Contact Person:

Patricia Lynch Polansky, Executive Director

CE Requirements: (a) Upon biennial active license renewal, a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse shall attest that he or she has completed courses of continuing education of the types and number of hours specified in (b), (c) and (d) below. Falsification of any information submitted on the renewal application may result in penalties and/or suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 through 45:1-25. (b) Each applicant for biennial active license renewal shall complete during the preceding biennial period a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education. (c) A registered professional

nurse or licensed practical nurse who completes more than the minimum continuing education hours set forth in (b) above in any biennial registration period may carry up to 15 of the additional hours into the succeeding biennial period.

Type of CE accepted: (d) A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse may obtain continuing education hours from the following: 1. Successful completion of continuing education courses or programs related to nursing and approved by a credentialing agency accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (<http://www.noca.org/ncca/accredorg.htm>): one hour for each 50 minutes of attendance; 2. Successful completion of a course, related to nursing, given by a school, college or university accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education or an agency of another state with requirements substantially similar to the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education: five hours for each credit successfully completed

3. Successful completion of a course in a doctoral degree program which has a research component, five hours for each credit successfully completed

4. Teaching or developing the curriculum for a new continuing education program related to nursing that is approved pursuant to (d) 1 above. "New" means that the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse has never taught or developed curriculum for that course or program in any educational setting: one hour for each 50 minutes taught; 5. Teaching or developing the curriculum for a new course related to nursing in a school, college or university accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education or an agency of another state with requirements substantially similar to the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education. "New" means that the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse has never taught or developed curriculum for that course in any educational setting: five hours for each credit taught; 6. Authorship of a published textbook or a chapter of a published textbook related to nursing: 15 hours for each chapter up to 30 hours; 7. Completion of a doctoral dissertation: 30 hours; 8. Authorship of a published article related to nursing, which has been refereed through peer review, in a medical, nursing or health related journal: 15 hours per article up to 30; 9. Presenting a new seminar or lecture to professional peers related to nursing, provided the seminar or lecture is at least one hour long. "New" means that the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse has never taught or developed curriculum for that seminar or lecture in any educational setting: one hour for each 50 minutes of presentation; 10. Completion of a research project where the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse is a primary or co-investigator and the research project has been approved by an institutional review board: 30 hours; 11. Development of new instructional materials related to nursing such as a compact disc, ROM or videotape: 15 hours up to 30; and 12. Acting as a preceptor for at least 100 hours as part of an organized preceptorship program: 10 hours for the period during which the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse acts as a preceptor. (e) Continuing education hours that could be allocated to more than one of the options in (d) above shall only be counted once and shall not be allocated for more than one option. For instance, a course which could be awarded hours pursuant to (d) 4 and 5 above shall only count as a course for either (d) 4 or 5, but not both.

Pharmacology Requirement:

NEW MEXICO

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Contact Person:

Debra Brady, Executive Director

CE Requirements: 50 hours of CE required for licensure, national certification or recertification CE requirements may not be used to fulfill any portion of the CE requirements. At least 20 of these contact hours must meet NP specialty requirements.

Type of CE accepted: the CE activity must have been approved by a recognized approval body and must enhance the licensee's scope of professional development as related to his/her activities in nursing. The participant must receive a certificate of attendance which validates the number of approved CE hours awarded, name of the participant, sponsoring agency, approval body and date attended. Correspondence courses and home-study programs are acceptable, if approved.

(1) Recognized approval bodies for CE for nurses.

(a) National or state recognized nursing organizations.

(b) Other state boards of nursing.

(c) New Mexico board-approved local monitoring systems.

(2) Other CE which may be accepted as approved CE for nurses:

(a) academic credit, computation: one (1) academic credit equals 15 contact hours;

(b) CE units (CEUs) or contact hours awarded by CE divisions within educational institutions of higher learning;

(c) educational offerings approved through other generally recognized health care or professional organizations as related to licensee's nursing practice.

Pharmacology Requirement: 15 contact hours shall be in pharmacology

NEW YORK

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Albany, NY 12234

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Contact Person:

Barbara Zittel, Executive Secretary

CE Requirements: 2-hour course on child-abuse (one time requirement for registration)
4-hour course on infection control every 4 years

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

NORTH CAROLINA

Contact:

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North Carolina Board of Nursing

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CE Requirements: In order to maintain NP approval to practice, NPs shall earn 100 contact hours of continuing education (CE) every 2 years. Effective July 1, 2008, upon application for license renewal or reinstatement, each licensee shall attest to having completed one of the following learning activity options during the preceding renewal cycle and be prepared to submit evidence of completion if requested by the Board:

(1) National Certification or re-certification related to the nurse's practice role by a national credentialing body recognized by the Board, consistent with 21 NCAC 36 .0120 and 21 NCAC 36 .0801;

(2) Thirty contact hours of continuing education activities related to the nurse's practice;

(3) Completion of a Board approved refresher course, consistent with 21 NCAC 36 .0220 and 21 NCAC 36 .0808(d);

(4) Completion of a minimum of two semester hours of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice;

(5) Fifteen contact hours of a continuing education activity related to the nurse's practice and completion of a nursing project as principal or co-principal investigator to include a statement of the problem, project objectives, methods and summary of findings;

(6) Fifteen contact hours of a continuing education activity related to the nurse's practice and authoring or coauthoring a published nursing-related article, paper, book or book chapter;

(7) Fifteen contact hours of a continuing education activity related to the nurse's practice and designing,

developing, and conducting an educational presentation or presentations totaling a minimum of five contact hours for nurses or other health professionals; or

(8) Fifteen contact hours of a continuing education activity related to the nurse's practice and 640 hours of active practice within the previous two years.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

NORTH DAKOTA

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ND Board of Nursing
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CE Requirements: The Board determined in Section 54-02-05-08 that continuing education for purposes of relicensure must meet or exceed twelve (12) contact hours within the preceding two (2) years. This rule became effective April 1, 2004.

Type of CE accepted: Continuing education for purposes of relicensure must be approved by the board

Pharmacology Requirement: You must have 15 contact hours of education in pharmacology related to the scope of practice within the two-year renewal cycle. For example, if you are renewing in 2005 for the 2006-2007 cycle, the contact hours must have been obtained in 2004 or 2005. See Section 54-05-03.1-11(6) for further details.

OHIO

Contact:

- apn@nursing.ohio.gov APN Desk: 614-466-6180
- ce@nursing.ohio.gov Continuing Education Desk: 614-466-1949

17 South High Street Suite 400 Columbus, Ohio 43215

CE Requirements: All licensed nurses must complete 24 contact hours of accredited continuing education every licensure period after the first renewal by examination in Ohio.

- A minimum of one contact hour will be related to the Law (ORC 4723) and the Rules (OAC 4723 1-23) governing nursing practice in Ohio.

- Continuing education certificates must be maintained for a minimum of six (6) years.

Type of CE accepted: Pharmacology courses may have the Category D designation that Ohio CE providers use to indicate the type of CE being offered. Category D offerings are acceptable. Other offerings that meet the pharmacology CE requirement are acceptable as follows:

Ohio Administrative Code, 4723-14-05

Educational Activities That Do and Do Not Meet the Continuing Education Requirement

(A) Any of the following options may be used by a nurse or dialysis technician to satisfy the continuing education requirements set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code, Chapter 4723-23, and this chapter of the Administrative Code:

- (1) A continuing education activity which has been approved by an OBN approver or by a board regulating nurses or dialysis technicians in another jurisdiction;
- (2) A continuing education activity which has been approved by a nationally recognized accreditation system of continuing education approval;
- (3) A successfully completed course provided by an accredited educational institution for which academic credit is awarded to the nurse or dialysis technician;
- (1) An independent study as defined in paragraph (G) of rule 4723-14-01 of the

Administrative Code;

(2) Interdisciplinary continuing education as defined in paragraph (H) of rule 4723-14-01 of the Administrative Code; or

(3) A continuing education activity that has been approved by an agency which regulates a health care profession or discipline in Ohio or another jurisdiction.

(4) Continuing education credit for first time presentation of an activity for which contact hours were awarded. The credit awarded shall be based on the amount of contact hours participants in the activity receive for that course or portion of the course, not for the time spent developing the activity.

(B) The following activities shall not be used by a nurse or dialysis technician to satisfy the continuing education requirements as set forth in section 4723.24 of the Revised Code, Chapter 4723-23, and this chapter of the Administrative Code:

(1) Basic life support (BLS) or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);

(2) Repetition of any educational activity with identical content and course objectives within a single reporting period;

(3) An agency specific orientation or in-service program;

(4) A self-directed independent study such as reading of texts or journal articles which has not been approved as an independent study;

(5) Participation in clinical practice or research which is not part of an approved continuing education activity;

(6) A personal development activity;

(7) Professional meetings or conventions except for those portions designated as an approved continuing education activity;

(8) Community service or volunteer practice;

(9) Continuing education ordered by the board pursuant to section 4723.28 of the Revised Code;

(10) Membership in a nursing or dialysis technician organization; or

(11) Development and presentation of continuing education or other educational activity; however, faculty may be awarded continuing education credit for attendance at all parts of a continuing education activity they do not present.

Thus, some of the offerings that may be appropriate include:

CME, Pharmacy offerings, medical journal CE, etc.

If you attend a full day(s) seminar, only part of which is pharmacology, count only the sessions that can reasonably be considered to be pharmacology. Keep documentation such as outlines/time schedules for the seminars.

Pharmacology Requirement: If you obtained INITIAL prescriptive authority (CTP-E) AFTER 9/1/2003:

The pharmacology CE is prorated if you have not held prescriptive authority for a full 2-year cycle. That is, your Pharmacology CE requirement is 6 hr of pharmacology obtained between 9/1/2003 and 8/31/2005. You may count pharmacology CE hours obtained in that timeframe even before being approved for prescriptive authority.

The Pharmacology course used to obtain prescriptive authority may not be counted for the ongoing pharmacology CE that is required for prescribers.

BUT, you may count 24 of the original pharm course hours toward the RN renewal requirement (described above) PROVIDED THE COURSE WAS TAKEN BETWEEN

9/1/2003 and 8/31/2005. If the pharmacology course taken to qualify for prescriptive authority was taken prior to September 1, 2003, it does not count for the RN renewal-reporting period from 9/1/2003 to 8/31/2005.

B. If you have held prescriptive authority for a full renewal period (2 years) - (that is held a CTP-E and/or CTP issued on or BEFORE 9/1/2003):

You are required to obtain 12 pharmacology hours between 9/1/2003 and 8/31/2005 (in addition to the 24 hours CE for RN renewal).

OKLAHOMA

Contact: Oklahoma Board of Nursing

2915 N Classen, Ste. 524

OKC, OK 73106

TEL: 405.962.1800 FAX: 405.962.1821

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: If you are an ARNP, CNM, or CNS, a minimum of 15 contact hours or one academic credit hour is required for renewal. This continuing education or academic credit must be directly related to pharmacotherapeutics, clinical application and use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and in the restoration and maintenance of health, in a program beyond basic registered nurse preparation, applicable to your scope of practice.

OREGON

Contact: Oregon State Board of Nursing

800 Oregon St. N.E., Suite 465

Portland, Oregon 97232-2162

www.oregon.gov/OSBN

Phone: 971-673-0685

Fax: 971-673-0684

CE Requirements: Nurse practitioner = 100 contact hours every two years

Type of CE accepted: At least half (50%) of your total CE hours need to be structured. A "structured activity" is a lecture, learning experience, or activity which is accredited and awards a certificate upon completion. Activities which offer graduate level academic, CE, or CME credit which are consistent with the scope of specialty practice at the advanced nursing level will be accepted.

Three categories of study accepted for renewal of the CNS and nurse practitioner certificates?

- Independent (such as reading journals and self study).
- Structured (CME, CEU, CNE and other activities for which you receive academic or continuing education credit).
- Unstructured (such as participation in hospital rounds, case review, presenting or publishing scholarly works, and precepting NP or CNS students).

Pharmacology Requirement: You will be asked to attest that you have completed at least 15 hours of pharmacotherapeutic content in the past two years. This may consist of independent, unstructured, or structured activities. These hours may be counted towards your 100 hour total.

PENNSYLVANIA

Contact: State Board of Nursing
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ST-NURSE@state.pa.us

CE Requirements: On June 29, 2006 Governor Rendell signed into law Act 58 of 2006 (SB 235), which requires thirty (30) hours of Board approved mandatory continuing education (CE) during each two-year license period for individuals licensed as registered nurses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing is in the process of developing CE regulations for the registered nurse. Once these regulations have been finalized, there will be sufficient time to allow the registered nurse to obtain the mandatory continuing education hours. At this time no further information is available.

The effective date of the CE has yet to be determined. Please keep checking this website for updated announcements regarding the CE for all RNs.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: 16 CE must be BON approved pharmacology CE for CRNPs with Rx authority.

RHODE ISLAND

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Providence, RI 02908
401-222-5700
401-222-3352 Fax
[Pamela L. McCue, RN, MS](#)

Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

CE Requirements: Beginning with the 1 March 2006 renewal period, every person seeking renewal of a license under the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations herein, shall provide satisfactory evidence to the Department that in the preceding two (2) years the practitioner (i.e., licensee) has completed the ten (10) required continuing education hours as established in this section.

Type of CE accepted: Continuing education hours related to nursing practice will be accepted by the Board for course work that has been presented, accepted or approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or its local chapter, other recognized professional nursing organizations, any department or school of nursing approved by a board of nursing, or such other professional, labor organization, or accrediting agency as may be approved by the Board.

Pharmacology Requirement: To maintain prescriptive privileges, the certified registered nurse practitioner (R.N.P.) must submit evidence of thirty (30) hours continuing education in pharmacology every six years.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Columbia, S.C. 29211-2367
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Joan Bainer, Administrator

CE Requirements: Demonstration of competency for:

(1) renewal of an active license biennially requires documented evidence of at least one of the following requirements during the licensure period:

(a) completion of thirty contact hours from a continuing education provider recognized by the board;

(b) maintenance of certification or re-certification by a national certifying body recognized by the board;

(c) completion of an academic program of study in nursing or a related field recognized by the board; or

(d) verification of competency and the number of hours practiced, as evidenced by employer certification on a form approved by the board.

Type of CE accepted: maintenance of certification or re-certification by a national certifying body recognized by the board;

Pharmacology Requirement: Authorization for prescriptive authority must be renewed after the applicant meets requirements for renewal and provides documentation of twenty hours acceptable to the board of continuing education contact hours every two years in pharmacotherapeutics. For a NP, CNM, or CNS with controlled substance prescriptive authority, two of the twenty hours must be related to prescribing controlled substances.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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Sioux Falls SD 57106-3115

(605) 362-2760 ♦ Fax: (605) 362-2768

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS; Executive Director

CE Requirements: Continuing education units (CEUs) are not required for nursing licensure.

South Dakota does have a minimum practice requirement: the nurse must provide verification of employment in nursing for a minimum of 140 hours in any 12-month period during the previous 6 years, or total accumulation of 480 hours during the previous 6 years.

If the nurse cannot provide such verification, a refresher course must be completed. The Department of Continuing Nursing Education at South Dakota State University provides RN

and LPN [refresher courses](#) which meet Board of Nursing standards, consisting of an 80-hour self-study theoretical portion and 80 hours of supervised clinical practice. A Limited License must be obtained by all students enrolled in a refresher course prior to the start of clinical practice experience. Upon successful completion of the course and payment of required fees, the nursing license is renewed or reactivated.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

TENNESSEE

Contact: Tennessee Department of Health

425 Fifth Avenue, North

Cordell Hull Building, 3rd Floor

Nashville, TN 37243

Email: TN.health@state.tn.us

Office for Licensing Health Care Professionals, dial 1- 800-778-4123

CE Requirements: Continuing Education for relicensure is not mandatory in Tennessee.

However, mandatory continuing competency is required in Tennessee. In order to maintain continued competence, the board requires the nurse to have practiced in nursing in the last five (5) years and additionally, the Board sets out standards of competence and requirements to maintain competence.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

TEXAS

Contact: Board of Nurse Examiners

333 Guadalupe #3-460

Austin, Texas 78701

Office: (512) 305-7400

Executive Director:

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN

CE Requirements: required to obtain 20 contact hours of targeted continuing education in the advanced specialty area and role recognized by the Board. Obtaining 20 hours within your advanced specialty area will satisfy the requirements to renew both your RN license and APN authorization.

Type of CE accepted: Type I program is one that has been approved by one of the Board's credentialing agencies. The credentialing agencies have met nationally-predetermined criteria to approve programs and providers of CE. The Board recognizes the following credentialing agencies:

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- American Nurses Association/American Nurses Credentialing Center
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- American College of Nurse Midwives
- Texas League of Vocational Nurses
- Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas
- National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service (NAPNES)

- National Federation of Licensed Vocational Nurses (NFLVN)
- Continuing Medical Education (for APNs only)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners
- Colleges and Universities; and
- Other State Boards of Nursing

These organizations, in turn, approve other continuing education providers. For example, most of the state nursing associations such as the Texas Nurses Association and many of the nursing specialty organizations are accredited by the American Nurses Association. Thus, these programs would be recognized as Type I.

Academic courses in nursing taken for credit may be used to meet Type I requirements if a grade of C or better or pass on a pass/fail system is achieved. One academic semester hour is equal to 15 contact hours. The courses shall be within the framework of a curriculum that leads to an academic degree in nursing or any academic course relevant to nursing practice/health care. Prerequisite courses, such as mathematics, government, physiology, etc., do not count. Academic courses related to health care taken for credit, or audited academic courses are accepted for Type II credit.

A Type II program is one which meets the criteria in the Board's rules, but has not been approved by one of the credentialing organizations. A Type II may be a program approved for another healthcare professional, such as a physician or pharmacist, or a program offered by one's employer or other organization. The program, however, must address nursing practice or the provision of health care, include nurses in the target audience, and meet the definition of nursing continuing education. Other activities accepted for Type II credit include program development and presentation, initial certification in a nursing specialty, and authorship

Pharmacology Requirement: APN has to complete at least five contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics within the preceding two years. Category I Continuing Medical Education (CME) contact hours will meet requirements for Type I contact hours for APNs.

UTAH

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CE Requirements: An APRN shall complete the following:

- be currently certified or recertified in their specialty area of practice; or
- if licensed prior to July 1, 1992, complete 30 hours of approved continuing education and 400 hours of practice.

Type of CE accepted: (4) "Approved continuing education" in Subsection R156-31b-303(3) means: (a) continuing education that has been approved by a professional nationally recognized approver of health related continuing education; (b) nursing education courses taken from an approved education program as defined in Section R156-31b-601; and (c) health related course work taken from an educational institution accredited by a regional institutional accrediting body identified in the "Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education", 2003-04 edition, published by the American Council on Education. (5) "Approved education program" as defined in Subsection 58-31b-102(3) is further defined to include any nursing education program published in the

documents entitled "Directory of Accredited Nursing Programs", 2003, published by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, which are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of these rules.

Pharmacology Requirement:

VERMONT

Contact: Address:

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Montpelier, VT 05609-1106

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Contact Person:

Anita Ristau, Executive Director

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement:

VIRGINIA

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Complaints: (800) 533-1560

Automated License Verification: (804) 662-7636

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CE Requirements: Complete at least 40 hours of continuing education in the area of specialty practice approved by one of the certifying agencies designated in 18VAC90-30-90. (see below)

Type of CE accepted:

18VAC90-30-90. Certifying agencies.

A. The boards shall accept the professional certification by examination of the following:

1. American College of Nurse Midwives Certification Council;
2. American Nurses' Credentialing Center;
3. Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists;
4. Pediatric Nursing Certification Board;
5. National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties; and
6. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

B. The boards may accept professional certification from other certifying agencies on recommendation of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine provided the agency meets the definition of a national certifying body set forth in 18VAC90-30-10 and that the professional certification is awarded on the basis of:

1. Completion of an approved educational program as defined in 18VAC90-30-10; and
2. Achievement of a passing score on an examination.

Pharmacology Requirement: In addition to the minimal requirements for compliance with subsection B of 18VAC90-30-105, a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority shall obtain eight hours of continuing education in pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics for each biennium.

WASHINGTON

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Tumwater WA 98501

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Phone : (360) 236 - 4700

Fax: (360) 236 - 4818

CE Requirements: Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners are required to complete thirty (30) hours every two years in their area of specialty. See WAC 246-840-360.

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: An additional fifteen (15) hours in pharmacotherapeutics related to licensee's scope of practice is required if you have prescriptive authority. See WAC 246-840-450

WISCONSIN

Contact: Questions about board business may be directed to the board in care of the Bureau of Health Service Professions, PO Box 8935, Madison 'WI 53708

CE Requirements: No continuing education requirements

Type of CE accepted:

Pharmacology Requirement: (1) Every advanced practice nurse prescriber shall submit to the board evidence of having completed an average of at least 8 contact hours per year in clinical pharmacology/therapeutics relevant to the advanced practice nurse prescriber's area of practice.

(2) Evidence of completion of continuing education meeting the requirements of [sub. \(1\)](#) shall be submitted to the board on a schedule consistent with the schedule for submission of evidence of continuing education hours established by the advanced practice nurse prescriber's national certifying body.

(3) Every advanced practice nurse prescriber shall retain for a minimum period of 4 years, and shall make available to the board or its agent upon request, certificates of attendance issued by the program sponsor for all continuing education programs for which he or she claims credit for purposes of renewal of his or her certificate.

WEST VIRGINIA

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CE Requirements: Beginning January 1, 1997, each registered professional nurse with an active license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia shall complete thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education, as approved by this rule, every two calendar years. On or before December 31, 1999, and every other December 31 thereafter, each registered professional nurse shall file a report of his or her continuing education activities with the board at the time he or she files an application for renewal of his or her license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia.

Each applicant for renewal of a license, if the license is currently active, or reinstatement of a license if a license is lapsed or on the non-practicing list, shall verify that he or she has satisfactorily completed thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education during the two (2) year reporting period prescribed in subsection 3.1.1 of this rule.

Type of CE accepted:

Minimum standards for approved providers.

4.2.1. The duration of the activity shall be at least one (1) contact hour.

4.2.2. The provider shall prepare written objectives, in measurable terms, which describe what a licensee can expect to learn.

4.2.3. The program content shall relate to the program objectives.

4.2.4. The provider shall furnish to the participant the instructor's qualifications in the subject areas to be taught, in writing.

4.2.5. The provider shall establish a written method to determine whether the participant has achieved the stated objectives of the offering continuing education program. Methods may include but are not limited to self-evaluation check lists or tests.

4.2.6. The provider shall furnish a written statement of completion to each participant who completes each continuing education program. The statement shall be signed by the instructor or an individual designated by the instructor, and shall contain the following information: the name of the continuing education program, the number of contact hours, the date of the continuing education program, and the name of the participant.

4.2.7. The provider shall maintain a record of individuals who attend a continuing education program for a period of not less than three (3) years.

4.5. Continuing education subjects.

4.5.1. Continuing education programs shall reflect the educational needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the consumer and may consist of one or more of the following subject areas:

- a. Professional nursing practice and special health care problems;
- b. The biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences;
- c. The legal aspects of professional nursing practice;
- d. Management of health care personnel and patient care;
- e. Teaching and learning process for health care personnel or for patients; and

f. Subjects relating to professional nursing practice which are required as part of a formal nursing program and which are more advanced than those completed for original licensure.

4.5.2. The following activities are not acceptable for continuing education credit:

- a. Job related clinical practice;

- b. Development and presentation of programs as part of the licensee's on-going job responsibilities;
- c. Orientation and update of policies and procedures specific to the licensee's employing facility; and
- d. Activities which are part of a licensee's usual job responsibility.

Pharmacology Requirement: Complete a minimum of 8 contact hours of pharmacology education that has been approved by the BON

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CE Requirements: If qualified by education, the advanced practitioner of nursing shall submit evidence of having completed sixty (60) contact hours of continuing education related to the recognized specialty area(s) of advanced nursing practice and a minimum of four hundred (400) practice hours in advanced nursing practice during the last two (2) years; or If qualified by national certification, the advanced practitioner of nursing shall submit evidence of holding current national certification or recertification as an advanced practitioner of nursing in the recognized specialty area(s) of advanced nursing practice and evidence of having completed thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education related to the specialty area(s) of advanced nursing practice.

Type of CE accepted: Nationally Accredited Educational Programs Accepted by the Board.

(a) For purposes of this chapter, a nationally accredited educational program which offers a formal post-graduate program of a minimum length of one (1) academic year in a specialty area of nursing practice or which confers a master's degree or doctorate with a major in a clinical specialty area of nursing practice, may be accepted by the board as a nationally accredited educational program.

(i) A list of nationally accredited educational programs accepted by the board shall be maintained and annually reviewed by the board and made available to the public upon request.

Section 6. Nationally Recognized Professional Organizations and/or Accrediting Agencies Accepted by the Board.

(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a nationally recognized professional organization and/or accrediting agency which offers a national certification examination in a specialty area of nursing practice, establishes standards and scope of practice statements, and provides a mechanism for evaluating continued competency in the specialty area of nursing practice, may be accepted by the board as a nationally recognized professional organization and/or accrediting agency. (i) A list of nationally recognized professional organizations and/or accrediting agencies accepted by the board shall be maintained and annually reviewed by the board and made available to the public upon request.

Pharmacology Requirement: The biennial requirement for contact hours of continuing education related to the recognized specialty area(s) of advanced nursing practice may include twelve (12) hours of education in pharmacology and clinical management of drug therapy and/or hours of education relating to national certification.