

CNE Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurses

60-11-113(b) reads “License renewal. On and after January 1, 2013, each individual renewing a license shall have completed the required 30 contact hours of approved continuing nursing education (CNE) related to the **advanced practice role** during the most recent prior license period. Proof of completion of 30 contact hours of approved CNE in the advanced practice nurse role may be requested by the board.”

Guidelines for advanced practice nurses seeking continuing nursing education offerings:

Compare the course learning objectives/outcomes for any course you are considering with the definition of Continuing Nursing Education: Continuing nursing education means a learning experience intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the advanced practice nurse for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.

- Is the course designed to provide new knowledge or enhance current knowledge and/or skills in your advanced practice role, to assist you in improving the health of the public?
- Is the course designed to provide you with the skills and/or knowledge to provide innovative changes supported by research and theory within your advanced practice role, to assist you in improving the health of the public?
- Is the course designed to provide you with new and developing standards of practice within your advanced practice role, to assist you in improving the health of the public?
- Is the course designed to assist you within your role by advancing your clinical decision making skills, to assist you in improving the health of the public?

If the course learning objectives meet the above criteria, then the offering is appropriate for advance practice continuing nursing education.

Guidelines for approved CNE offerings:

65-1119(5) “The board shall accept offerings as continuing nursing education presented by: Colleges that are approved by a state or national department of education and providers approved by other state boards of nursing, the national league for nursing, the national federation of licensed practical nurses, the American nurse credentialing center, or other such national organizations as listed in the rules and regulations adopted by the board.”

PLEASE NOTE:

- All college courses must be submitted and approved by the Individual Offering Approval (IOA) process, prior to renewal of license.
- CME's are continuing medical education (not continuing nursing education) and must be submitted and approved by the Individual Offering Approval (IOA) process, prior to renewal of license.
- If the CNE certificate of completion does not clearly indicate being approved for advanced practice nurses, you must submit the course learning objectives with the certificate for proof of advance practice continuing nursing education, if audited or reinstating your license.